



Antje-Lode-Award to advance a female Ukrainian refugee and student in STEM in Germany

On occasion of Antje Margret Lode's death on 11th of April 2022, [Zonta Club Berlin 1989 e. V.](#) offers an award in the amount of € 4,000 to foster a female student in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM), who had to flee from the war in Ukraine to Germany.

Background

"Ask Antje, she definitely knows a solution!" and "Antje always believed in us!" are memories, often shared by Zontians and Femtec mentees. Antje Lode was founding president of the Zonta Club Berlin 1989 e.V.. As an organisation of working women, [ZONTA International](#) supports the equality and promotion of all women since 1919. Antje Lode's aim was to foster the development of women, especially in times and professional fields with high hurdles. As Zonta delegate to the [National Council of German Women's Organisations](#) she promoted the [Femtec mentoring program for women in STEM](#).

Growing up in the Hanse-city of Lübeck as a child of World War II, she faced a city largely destroyed and full of refugees. Confronted with the early death of her father, Antje learned that the solidarity between women is crucial in such tough times. To find her own way amidst life's challenges determined Antje Lode's life, her manifold engagements, and her career in the pharmaceutical industry. This award is to encourage a Ukrainian woman on her journey to find her way.

Women must play an active, equal role in facing the world's major challenges like wars, climate change, or quickly changing technologies. This is the aim of the Antje Lode Award.

Funding

The Antje Lode Award of € 4,000 will be granted one time via Zonta Club Berlin 1989 e. V. in cooperation with [Zonta Club Lübeck e. V.](#) and with support of the Femtec Organisations. The award was made possible by donations instead of flowers for Antje Lode's funeral by more than 50 friends, Zontians, Femtec mentors, mentees and alumnae, institutions, and Antje Lode's family and relatives.

Who can apply?

Women who fled from the war in Ukraine to Germany and will begin or commence their studies in STEM fields at a German university from October 2022 to at least end of summer semester 2023.

- Female STEM students at all levels of their studies (from 1st semester on)
- Women with a high motivation for and commitment to their studies
- The award money is to be used to fund one study year in Germany (Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023).

Application – Deadline: 12th of September 2022

- Applications are accepted in German or English: CV (1 page), motivational cover letter (1 page), last transcript of records, (preliminary) admission for winter semester 2022/'23 at a German university / institution of higher education (Fachhochschule)
- via e-mail to Dr. Anna Sonnenburg: anna.sonnenburg@alumni.charite.de, on behalf of Zonta Club Berlin 1989 e. V.
- All applicants will be informed about the status of their application by end of September 2022.
- The award ceremony will take place in Berlin or Lübeck in October 2022.