

Background on the Floyd and Lili Biava Foundation

Based in Oldenburg, the Floyd and Lili Biava Foundation was established on 16 August 2001 by Mrs Lili Biava.

The couple had no children, and by establishing the foundation, Mrs Biava, who passed away in 2025, fulfilled her own wish and that of her husband, Floyd Biava, who had predeceased her.

The daughter of a teacher, Mrs Biava was born in Westerstede, and set her sights on the USA after finishing school. After marrying her American boyfriend Floyd Biava, she moved to California.

Following her husband's death, Mrs Biava often spent half the year in Westerstede and the other half in California. Having had to organise her life abroad independently, she decided to establish a foundation at the University of Oldenburg that would support students and early-career researchers in their plans to study or work abroad.