

THE PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

From among the large number of postgraduate courses offered by German institutions of higher education, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports a carefully chosen selection of programmes of particular interest to junior executives from developing countries. These degree courses, which consist of one to two years of concentrated study, provide young, academically trained professionals in leading positions from developing countries with the opportunity to engage in postgraduate education and training in their particular field or profession.

At present, postgraduate courses are offered in the following fields:

- Economic Sciences/ Business Administration/ Political Economics
- Development Cooperation
- Engineering and Related Sciences
- Regional and Urban Planning
- Agricultural and Forest Sciences
- Natural and Environmental Sciences
- Medicine and Public Health
- Social Sciences, Education and Law
- Media Studies

This booklet contains the selection of all postgraduate courses supported under the DAAD funding scheme “Development-Related Postgraduate Courses”.

An annually updated list of all postgraduate courses in the DAAD programme is also available on the website: www.daad.de/e-pos-info

The courses are open to all eligible candidates. Applications are welcome from professionals with personal financial resources, from those who are funded by their government or company, or from those who are recipients of financial support from international sponsoring organisations. In addition, a limited number of full DAAD scholarships are available. The DAAD only awards these scholarships for postgraduate courses supported in this funding programme.

Selection criteria and procedures for DAAD scholarship recipients ensure that:

- priority target candidates have proven **development-related motivation** and can be expected to make full use of their scholarship and education by taking on **social responsibility** later in their careers, **acting as agents of change who stimulate and support development in their personal and professional surroundings** (motivation, commitment to development) in their home countries.
- the candidates have the professional and academic qualifications necessary to ensure successful completion of the degree programme in Germany (final scores on previous academic examinations, language skills),
- women and candidates from disadvantaged groups who meet the required academic and professional standards and show proven commitment to development-related issues are especially targeted for programme admission.

Scholarships for Development-Related Postgraduate Courses

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- Postgraduate courses for young professionals from developing countries
- Internationally recognised Master's and PhD degrees
- Duration: 12-24 months for Master (depending on the particular institution) and 42 months for PhD
- Includes German Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences
- Support of selected programmes with a variety of scholarships (including German language courses)
- Funded by the BMZ (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), but admission also open to self-financing participants or students financed through government or other sources
- Academic year 2024/2025

2. PREREQUISITES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Typical Scholarship Holder:

- Is currently working either for a public authority or a state or private company in a developing country and, as such, is engaged in the planning and execution of directives and projects with emphasis on development policies having a bearing on technological, economic or social areas.
- Holds a Bachelor's degree (normally four years) in a related subject.
- Has completed an academic degree with far above average results (upper third) and at least two years of related professional experience after the first degree (bachelor) at the time of application.
- His/her academic degrees should normally be no more than six years old.
- Is a national of a country listed on the OECD-DAC list (except Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia (including Kosovo), Turkey)

list of eligible countries

Language Skills:

- **For courses / programmes in German (scholarship includes a preparatory 6-month German language course in Germany):** Successful passing of the language examination DSH 2 or TestDaF 4 before the start of the course. Therefore, a minimum German language level of B1 at the time of application is a requirement, that needs to be proven by providing a current certificate. **Note:** It is not possible to pass the required German language courses (DSH or TestDaF) without any previous basic knowledge in the German language (at least B1 Level), even with the preceding six-month intensive course in Germany. Passing the language test is a formal prerequisite for matriculation at the respective German university.
- **For courses in English:** Proof of adequate language skills, according to the regulations of the respective courses.¹

¹ The universities are responsible for the content of their specific courses in this booklet.

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Proof of current and past work situation:

All applicants must submit proof of at least two years of professional work experience and state their current work situation at the time of application. It is required to submit the following proof:

- Certificate(s) of employment that include the exact position and period of employment;
- a letter of reference from the employer(s), ideally guaranteeing re-employment after completion of the postgraduate course in Germany.

Statement of Motivation:

Applicants must submit a statement of motivation explaining why they are interested in attending a particular postgraduate course with reference to their current employment. They further should describe their development-related motivation and how they intend to make full use of their scholarship and education by taking on social responsibility later in their careers and for their home countries.

IMPORTANT: When applying for more than one postgraduate course (maximum 3 courses), you have to submit one motivation letter explaining why you are applying for these specific courses and why you chose that priority.

APPLICATION FORMALITIES:

DAAD application forms are available on the DAAD website (**see 3. “Required Documents”**).

Applications only have to be sent to the respective course directly! Please refer to their respective websites for the application procedure (e.g. online application), for the application deadline and the documents to be submitted. **Applications sent to the DAAD will not be forwarded to the respective course/university. They become property of the DAAD and will NOT be returned. The applicant has no right to claim for reimbursement.**

Applications sent via e-mail or the DAAD-portal to the DAAD cannot be considered either during the selection process.

Applicants are asked to state whether they are able to pay for cost of living expenses and their studies in Germany themselves or whether they can only complete the postgraduate course with financial support from a DAAD scholarship. Qualified applicants for whom self-financing is possible have a good chance of being accepted by a postgraduate course.

Applicants who have been living in Germany for no more than 15 months at the time of the deadline for applications are also eligible to apply for a DAAD scholarship.

You can apply for up to three courses.

If applying to more than one course, please **list courses in order of priority** in the DAAD application forms (see 7. Choice of host university/institution in Germany) and **do not change the priorities** in the according application form!

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and why you chose that priority. If you do not follow these instructions, the application cannot be considered or an already awarded scholarship might be withdrawn.

Please note: Scholarships cannot be awarded without the official DAAD application form. Many courses have their own forms, which must be submitted in addition to the DAAD application form (see details under course descriptions).

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR DAAD SCHOLARSHIPS:

Please check the relevant deadlines of the universities in this booklet.

Admission:

The postgraduate course and/or the university decide on admission after considering of the application documents. Admission to the university is a prerequisite for receiving a DAAD scholarship. However, applicants do not need to request early or pre-admission to the university.

Please note that the selection process for all postgraduate courses listed in this booklet lasts from the end of October until March.

3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR A DAAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER):

- Completed and signed checklist
- DAAD application “Application for a research/study scholarship”
(please type your answers or make sure they are easy to read)
- A curriculum vitae in reverse chronological order without any unexplained gaps (please use the europass template (mandatory) including exact information about your studies, and on practical experience)
- One Letter of Motivation with detailed reference to academic, professional and personal reasons for applying for the programme.
- **IMPORTANT:** When applying for more than one postgraduate course (maximum 3 courses), please also give detailed reasons for your choice of courses and prioritisation in the letter of motivation. Please submit the same letter of motivation to all postgraduate degree programmes of your choice.
- Letter of recommendation from your current employer; the letter must include official letterhead, signature and official stamp and must be of current date (not in a sealed envelope)
- Certificate(s) of Employment from the employer(s) showing at least two years of relevant work experience after the Bachelor’s degree up to the time of application. The certificate of employment from the current employer should, if possible, include a guarantee of re-employment after returning to the home country.
- Recent proof of Language Skills:
 - English – Proof of adequate language skills, according to the regulations of the respective courses.
 - German – required for courses taught in German
- Copies of your higher education degree certificates. Please provide a certified translation if the original is not in German or English, and make sure these are clearly legible.
- Copy of your full set of transcript of records. Please provide an explanation of the grading system if this is not part of the transcript.

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Applicants from the People's Republic of China are asked to submit an APS Certificate with their application documents. Note: Some courses may require additional documents. For detailed information, please see the relevant course description on the following pages and on the respective websites.

IMPORTANT: The complete applications have to be submitted in English or German to be considered. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

4. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

- **Step 1:** You send your complete application(s) directly to the postgraduate course(s) you are interested in.
- **Step 2:** A selection committee suggests potential candidates for a DAAD scholarship.
- **Step 3:** The suggested candidates will be contacted by DAAD to upload their complete application to the DAAD Portal.
- **Step 4:** The selection process will be finalized, and the suggested candidates will be informed accordingly.

IMPORTANT: Make sure that you have a copy of each document of your application ready, as those documents (as PDF files) have to be uploaded to the DAAD Portal in case you are suggested for a DAAD scholarship!

5. PREPARATORY LANGUAGE COURSE

For most of the postgraduate courses (please refer to the course descriptions) a preparatory German language course of 2 to 6 months prior to the beginning of the courses is part of the DAAD scholarship.

Participation in the preparatory German language course is mandatory!