

Study Scholarships for Graduates of All Disciplines

Objective

- ≡ Study scholarships are awarded to provide foreign graduates of all disciplines with opportunities to complete a postgraduate or Master's degree course at a state (public) or state-recognised German higher education institution and to gain a degree in Germany (Master's/Diplom). Funding can also be approved if only the first or second year of a postgraduate or Master's programme has been completed in Germany, while the degree will be gained at the foreign university.

Duration

- ≡ Depending on the length of the chosen degree course or study project, the study scholarship will be awarded for between 10 and 24 months. Initially, scholarships are awarded for one academic year and can be extended for students with good study achievements to cover the full length of the chosen degree course.

Value

- ≡ The DAAD will pay a monthly award of 750 euros. As a rule, the scholarship additionally includes certain payments towards health insurance cover in Germany. In addition, the DAAD generally will pay an appropriate flat-rate travel allowance, unless these costs are covered by the home country or by another funding source. Furthermore, the DAAD will pay a study and research allowance and, where appropriate, a rent subsidy and family allowance.

Requirements

- ≡ Applications for DAAD study scholarships are open to excellently-qualified graduates who, at the latest when they commence their scholarship-supported studies, hold a first degree (Bachelor's, Diplom or comparable academic degree). No more than six years should generally have passed between the time when they gained their degree and the time of this application.
- ≡ Besides previous academic achievements, the most important selection criterion is a convincing presentation of the applicant's academic and personal reasons for the planned study project in Germany. Applications must either include the notification of admission issued by the German host institution for the desired degree course, or, if this is not the case, then the notification of admission must be presented to the DAAD before the scholarship-supported studies begin. The scholarship award letter from the DAAD only becomes effective once the holder has been admitted to studies. If the degree programme includes a several month long stay abroad, funding for this stay abroad will generally only be considered if it takes place in an EU Country (not in the home country) and lasts a maximum of 6 months and covers a maximum of 25% of the scholarship term.

DAAD

- ≡ Good German language skills - especially for applicants reading arts and humanities disciplines - are generally a requirement for studying in Germany. Exceptions are possible when scholarship holders are enrolled in degree courses which are instructed in English. The DAAD may fund attendance of a German language course at a language school in Germany before the scholarship-supported studies begin. This is free of charge to the scholarship holder. Besides, the internet-based language course "Deutsch-Uni Online (DUO)" is recommended to help students improve their German language skills. For scholarship holders, the DAAD will pay the course fees for six months as from their receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter. Furthermore, scholarship holders can apply to the DAAD for a subsidy towards a personally chosen German course. Further information will be included with the Scholarship Award Letter.
- ≡ Applicants, who have been resident in Germany for longer than one year at the time of application, cannot be considered.

Application papers

- ≡ Detailed information on what application papers need to be submitted can be found on the Application Form for "Research Grants and Study Scholarships" ("Antrag auf ein Forschungs-/Studienstipendium"), which can be obtained on the Internet (www.daad.de/en/form) or from the diplomatic and consular representations of the Federal Republic of Germany, from DAAD Lektors, from the DAAD regional offices or Information and Advice Centres, and from partner organisations.
- ≡ Besides presenting the academic and personal reasons for the planned study project in Germany, the application must be accompanied by an extract from the host university's website with concrete details (title of the degree programme, study plan and the expected length of studies, language of instruction, admissions requirements plus information on any tuition fees) for the chosen degree programme.
- ≡ Special note for architects: The special leaflet "Additional Information on DAAD Study Scholarships in the Field of Architecture" provides information on aspects such as the work samples which applicants need to submit. It can be obtained from the above-mentioned offices or on the Internet (www.daad.de/extrainfo).
- ≡ The DAAD will not consider incomplete applications.

Country-specific information, dates and deadlines, application address and advice

- ≡ The DAAD website www.daad.de/stipendien provides further specific information for applicants from your home country. This information includes the language skills which applicants from your country of origin must meet, any special age-limit regulations which may apply, as well as information on the exact deadlines for the submission of the application papers and on where applications should be sent.
- ≡ Applications must not be sent direct to DAAD head office in Bonn.
- ≡ The above-mentioned website will also provide the addresses of institutions which you can contact in your home country for further information and advice. Information on study opportunities in Germany can be found in German at www.hochschulkompass.hrk.de or in English at www.higher-education-compass.hrk.de