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Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD): Scholarship Programme 1

Overview

Programme Description

The KAAD is the scholarship institution of the Catholic Church in Germany. Applicants are therefore of catholic denomination: post-graduates or academics who already have work experience and plan to do post-graduate studies or spend a period of research at a higher-education institution in Germany (2 to 6 months for researchers). If recommended by the local churches, also non-Christian candidates are eligible for funding. In general, applications are submitted to the partner committees in the candidates' home countries. The programme is open to applicants from countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East or Latin America.

Target Group

post-graduates with excellent academic merit and potential who already have work experience from countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East or Latin America. Candidates are of catholic denomination and plan to do post-graduate studies or carry out a research project in Germany. If recommended by the local churches, also non-Christian candidates are eligible for funding.

Academic Requirements

completed university education and work experience

Application Papers

The KAAD cooperates with the single focus- and partner countries of the regions. Applications are submitted to the partner committees in the candidates' home countries, candidates from non-partner countries will be eligible only as an exception.
The orientation of your studies or research should lead towards permanent reintegration in your home region (otherwise the scholarship is turned into a loan).

Application Deadline

The individual partner committees set their own deadlines.

Application requirements

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You may apply for the KAAD Scholarship Programme 1, if you

- are a national from, and currently reside in, a country in Africa, Asia, the Middle East or Latin America.
- have obtained a higher education degree and already have work experience in your home country.
- want to acquire a Master's degree or PhD, complete post-doctoral studies or carry out a research project (2 to 6 months for researchers) at a German higher education institution.
- are of Catholic faith (or another Christian denomination, if you are from the Middle East). If you belong to another religious denomination, you may be eligible, if a Catholic partner organisation proposes you and you can demonstrate your willingness to participate in inter-religious dialogue.
- demonstrate excellent academic achievement and potential for study and/or research.
- focus in your study or research work in Germany on returning permanently to your home country after the

completion of the scholarship; otherwise the funding will be considered as a loan.

- are socially engaged and involved in the Church and ready to participate in inter-religious dialogue.
- have a knowledge of the German language prior to your stay in Germany at least on level B1 (or, for English language courses of study, at least at level A2). The KAAD expects eligible candidates to complete preparatory German language courses in their home country. In addition, it is possible to apply for funding for a language course of up to 6 months (full-time or during studies.)

Please also take note of our important scholarship information [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/].

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