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Study Scholarships - Postgraduate Studies in the Fields of Fine Art, Design, Visual Communication and Film • DAAD

Overview

Objective

This scholarship programme offers you the opportunity to continue your education in Germany with a postgraduate or complementary course of study in the fields of Fine Art, Design, Visual Communication and Film. The scholarships also promote the exchange of experience and networking amongst colleagues.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you have gained a first university degree in the field of arts.

What can be funded?

In this study programme, you can complete:

- a) a **Master's degree course/postgraduate degree course leading to a final qualification** at a state or state-recognised German university of your choice
  or
- b) a **complementary course without degree** (not an undergraduate course). This can be either a study year in Germany as part of your study programme at your home university or an independent project or complementary study course with a professor/an instructor in Germany. The connection to a university in the fields of art in Germany is mandatory and needs to be verified with the confirmation of supervision.

Funding for a Master's degree programme/a postgraduate degree programme that has already started in Germany cannot be granted.

If you are enrolled in a Master's or postgraduate degree programme which includes a study period abroad, funding for this period abroad is usually only possible under the following conditions:

- The study visit is essential for achieving the scholarship objective,
- the visit does not take place in the home country,
- and it is no longer than a quarter of the scholarship period (for joint and double-degree programmes up to 50%, if this is specified in the study regulations). Longer periods cannot be funded, not even partially.

Please note: This programme only funds projects in the artistic and creative area. Other DAAD scholarship programmes are available for applicants from the field of **History of Art or Art Studies, Restauration.**
Please take a look at 'Study Scholarships - Master Studies for All Academic Disciplines' [https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=&page=1&detail=50026200].

Duration of the funding

Master's degree/Postgraduate degree course:

- Between 10 and 24 months depending on the length of the chosen study programme
- **Start:** usually from 1st October, of the following year (depending on the start of your study programme) or earlier if

a German language course is taken prior to the study programme

- The scholarships are awarded for the duration of the standard period of study for the chosen study programme (up to a maximum of 24 months).
- Please state the entire period for which you wish to apply for funding in your application. For example, if you are planning a 2-year degree programme, you must directly indicate two years as the desired scholarship duration in your application.

b) Complementary studies not leading to a final qualification:

- One **academic year** (usually 12 months). This can be either a study year in Germany as part of your study programme at your home university or an independent project or complementary study course with a professor/an instructor in Germany.
- **The connection to a university in the fields of art in Germany is mandatory in both cases.**
- **Start:** usually from 1st October of the following year, or earlier if a German language course is taken prior to the study programme

Value

- A monthly payment of 992 euros
- Travel allowance [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_reisekostenzuschuesse_stipendiaten.pdf] (upon application only)
- One-off study allowance
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Under certain circumstances, scholarship holders may receive the following additional benefits:

- Monthly rent subsidy (please read the → important scholarship information [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/] / section F, point 9)
- Monthly allowance for accompanying members of family. Please also read our → important information for scholarship applicants [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/] / section F, point 3.
- In case of a disability or chronic illness: on application, a subsidy may be provided for justified additional costs incurred abroad that are necessary to realise the project in Germany and that are not covered by a third party; whether and to what extent a subsidy will be paid will be reviewed and determined on an individual basis (see → important information for scholarship applicants [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/] , section F, point 8).
- Green Mobility Top Up (Support for climate-friendly travel) or reimbursement of carbon offset payments for air travel

To enable scholarship holders to learn German in preparation for their stay in the country, DAAD offers the following services:

- Payment of course fees for an online language course after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter
- if necessary: German language course (2, 4 or 6 months) before the start of the study visit in Germany; the DAAD decides whether to fund participation and for how long depending on German language skills and project. Participation in a language course is compulsory if the language of instruction or working language is German at the German host institution.
- Allowance for a personally chosen German language course during the scholarship period
- Reimbursement of the fee for a TestDaF or DSH test, which you can take either in your home country after you have

received your Scholarship Award Letter or in Germany during your funding period.

Please note that the DAAD does **not** cover tuition fees.

Selection

After you have uploaded your application documents to the DAAD portal, the DAAD will first carry out a **formal check**. It will be checked whether the **application requirements** have been met and whether the **application is complete**. If this is the case, you will be asked to submit your artistic portfolio.
A special DAAD committee made up of professors from German art, design and film schools is responsible for the final decision about scholarships in the fields of Fine Art, Film, Design, Visual Communication and Film. The decision is based upon the written application and artistic portfolio which have to be submitted. Details about the criteria for the portfolio can be found on this website: → 'Additional Information on DAAD Study Scholarships in the Fields of Fine Art, Design/Visual Communication and Film'. [https://www.daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/scholarships/scholarship-database/information-fine-art/]

There is a period of up to seven months between the submission of application materials and the notification of applicants regarding the selection committee's decision.

Selection criteria

- the artistic qualification and artistic maturity, measured by study achievements and portfolio
- the quality of the project as measured by the study plan and the letter of motivation

In addition, the selection committee will give due consideration to aspects of equal opportunities, on which you can provide information in the application form.
For further information on the selection procedure, please refer to the
→ Important Scholarship Information [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/]
/ Section E.

Further information

Confirmation of a scholarship – Admission to university
Confirmation of a scholarship does not automatically guarantee admission to one of the universities. The respective university decides whether or not to offer scholarship holders a place. In most cases, applicants are required to take an entrance examination. Please inform yourself in time about admission requirements and application deadlines and interview dates at your chosen university, and bear in mind that these may be several months before the planned start of your studies or even before the DAAD awards the scholarship. We cannot cover the costs of the entrance examination. A Scholarship Award Letter from the DAAD is only valid if you have been admitted to study at the host university named in your application.
You can apply for the DAAD scholarship before you receive the admission letter. You will need to hand in the admission letter in case of a scholarship confirmation before the scholarship starts.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

Please check if the following criteria are fulfilled:

- You can apply if you have gained a first university degree **in the field of arts.**
- As a rule, your university degree should not date back more than 6 years at the time of the application deadline. Please read our
  → important information for scholarship applicants / Section A, point 2 [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/]

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- Prerequisite for the funding is a full-time and attendance study. Extra-occupational or part-time study programmes and study programmes with a predominant share of e-learning can not be taken into account.
- Your application **cannot** be considered, if you have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline.

Language skills

You should have the knowledge of the language of instruction which corresponds to the requirements of the chosen university at the latest by the time you start the scholarship. If you do not yet have the language skills required by the university at the time of your application, your application should indicate the extent to which you are in a position to reach the required level.

Application Procedure

Application deadline

Application deadlines are updated at least once a year. In most cases, they are in the same period as the previous year. You can find the current dates here:

15.10.2026
Selection date in April 2027
Funding begins from October 2027

Application documents

The application documents and the artistic portfolio are submitted in two steps:

1. Submission of the application documents via the DAAD portal
2. Submission of the artistic portfolio and the supplementary list over the DAAD media database (you will receive a Link after the formal check of your application documents, if your application was complete)

1. Submission of the application documents via the DAAD portal:
The application documents are submitted online via the DAAD portal.
Please note that the access to the application portal only appears while the current application period is running. After the application deadline has expired, the portal for this programme is not available until the next application period.

Application documents
After registering on the DAAD portal, please complete the **online application** in full. Then upload the application documents listed below to the DAAD portal in the section ‘Attachments’.
Application documents may be scanned in non-certified form and uploaded to the DAAD portal. The DAAD reserves the right to request certified copies of the documents.

If you submit documents in your national language, please include **German or English translations.**

Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Full **curriculum vitae in tabular form**
- Statement about academic and personal reasons for the planned study project in Germany (**letter of motivation**; 1 - 3 pages). Please also read our
  → important information for scholarship applicants / Section A, point 2 [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/]
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a) Master's degree/postgraduate study programme leading to a final qualification:

- **Form** 'Information about your preferred master programmes' [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-

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This helps to get a good overview of your chosen study programmes. Please **do not upload the curriculum of the study programme or screenshots** from the university website as a replacement.

- If available: **Letter of acceptance from the host university**. If you have not yet received notification of admission at the time of application, you must submit this before the funding period begins.

b) Complementary studies not leading to a final qualification:

- **Confirmation of supervision** from a German university teacher if you undertake an independent project or complementary study course with a professor/an instructor in Germany
  or
- If you are planning to spend time studying in Germany as part of a second or Master's degree programme in your home country, you must submit **proof that credits acquired in Germany will be recognised** by your home university.

For all applicants:

- A current **Transcript of Records** with individual grade(s)
- **All university degree certificates** indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study programme begins if studies have not been completed at the time of application.
- When you submit your application, you must provide **proof of your current proficiency in the language of instruction** (German, English, or German and English) in your chosen study programmes. **Language certificates may not be older than three years.** You should have the knowledge of the language of instruction which corresponds to the requirements of the chosen university at the latest by the time you start your scholarship. If you do not yet have the language skills required by the university at the time of your application, your application should indicate the extent to which you are in a position to reach the required level. Please also read our
  → important information [https://www.daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/scholarships/information-for-scholarship-applicants/]
  for scholarship applicants / Section A, point 9 and Section D, point 5 to 8 for further information on possible language certificates.
- Other additional documents, that might be important for your application (for example Internships, Awards etc.)

2. Submission of the artistic portfolio and the supplementary list over the DAAD media database:
If the formal review of your scholarship application has determined that it meets the criteria of the scholarship announcement and is complete, you will receive a link to the email address you provided to upload your artistic portfolio to the DAAD media database. Please upload the following documents there:

- **Portfolio with samples of your work:** Information on the formal requirements can be found on our information page: → 'Additional Information on DAAD Study Scholarships in the Fields of Fine Art, Design/Visual Communication and Film' [https://www.daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/scholarships/scholarship-database/information-fine-art/].
- **Supplementary list for the portfolio:** You must submit the supplementary list for the portfolio together with the portfolio in the media database. You can find the template here -> **Supplementary List** [http://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/biku_form_supplementary_list_and_declaration_en.docx]. This enables the committee to better categorize and evaluate your work samples.

Upon receiving the link and the cover letter, you will receive more detailed information regarding access and the deadline for uploading.]

All application documents listed under 1. and 2. must be submitted in German or English. Documents in other languages must be translated. Please provide them with your application.

Please upload the artistic portfolio and supplementary list to the DAAD media database.

Please do not upload the artistic portfolio, work samples or other pictures to the DAAD portal. These documents should only be uploaded to the media database, for which you will receive a link.

Application location

Online via the DAAD Portal and the DAAD Media Database

Please note

- Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal (see point 1) and to the DAAD media database (see point 2).
- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day.
- Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete.
- The application documents remain with the DAAD. Your personal data is saved by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act and with the EU Data Protection Regulation insofar as this data is needed to process the application.

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres

DAAD Information Centre Kyiv
German-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Ukraine)
18 Antonovycha St.
01024 Kyiv
https://www.daad-ukraine.org/en/about-us/contact/ [https://www.daad-ukraine.org/en/about-us/contact/]

More detailed information

- DAAD website section
  → 'Important information for scholarship applicants' [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/]
- DAAD website section → 'Study programmes and language courses' [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/courses-of-study-in-germany//]
- DAAD website section → 'Plan your studies' [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/] to help you prepare for your stay in Germany
- Campaign website https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/ [https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/]

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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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