

Bridge Scholarships Afghanistan • DAAD

Overview

Objective

The aim of the programme is to support students and researchers from Afghanistan with bridge scholarships to start or continue their bachelor's or master's studies at a state or state-recognised higher education institution in Germany. In addition, the scholarships are intended to support the implementation of research projects as part of a doctorate or postdoctoral programme at a state or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institution in Germany. The scholarships serve as an initial orientation along the entire tertiary education sector after the arrival of Afghans in Germany.

Who can apply?

Undergraduates, Graduates, doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines are eligible to apply,

- who can prove that they have Afghan citizenship (no dual citizenship),
- who are already enrolled as bachelor's or master's students resp. who submit an admission letter until the application deadline or have been accepted as doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers at an institution resp. who submit a confirmation of supervision or an invitation letter until the application deadline,
- who, as a rule, are already in Germany with a valid residence permit at the time of the application deadline,
- who, as a rule, have not been staying in Germany for longer than 15 months at the time of the application deadline. This does not exclude applications from Afghans with a longer stay after obtaining a first degree or similar in Germany.

What can be funded?

The implementation or preparation of study and research projects as part of bachelor's or master's degree programmes or as part of a doctorate or post-doctoral phase at a state or state-recognised university or a non-university research institution in Germany.

Undergraduates (preparatory college and bachelor's degree)

- attending a preparatory college in accordance with their previous knowledge of the subject for the intended course of study, or
- participation in a bachelor's degree programme

Graduates (master's degree)

- participation in a master's degree programme

Doctoral students

- individual projects under the supervision of a university teacher (doctoral supervisor) or
- participation in a structured doctoral programme

Postdoctoral researchers

- individual projects in cooperation with a university teacher or
- participation in a structured postdoctoral programme

Duration of the funding

1 month to a maximum of 6 months; the length of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule.

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The funding must be completed by 31.01.2023 at the latest.

The grant is non-renewable.

Value

Funding of a scholarship includes:

- depending on the academic level, monthly payments of
- 861 euros for undergraduates (preparatory college and bachelor) and graduates (master),
- 1,200 euros for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers
- payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

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

- monthly rent subsidy
- monthly allowance for family members
- in the case of a disability or chronic illness: subsidy for additional costs which result from the disability or chronic illness and are not covered by other funding providers: [Further information \[https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/mobility-with-a-disability/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/mobility-with-a-disability/)

Please note that while on a DAAD scholarship you must not accept another DAAD scholarship, Erasmus+ scholarship or other scholarships or awards from other German sources, nor apply for support from the German national education assistance system - BAföG.

Selection

The selection of candidates will be carried out by a selection committee appointed by section ST33 – Middle East, North Africa of the DAAD.

Selection criteria:

1. Academic qualification (documented by the last qualifying degree: school leaving certificate or higher education certificate)
2. Quality of the study or research project
 - Bachelor and master (documented by an enrolment certificate (if applicable), proof of previous study results (Transcript of Records) resp. admission and proof of language proficiency
 - Doctorate and postdoctoral phase (documented by an acceptance as a (post)doctoral candidate (if applicable) and letter of recommendation resp. confirmation of supervision or letter of invitation, research proposal and schedule)
3. Personal motivation for the scholarship (documented by a letter of motivation describing the current personal risk situation as well as outlining the future prospects in Germany made possible by a scholarship)

In addition, in order to ensure equal opportunities, the selection committee may take into account special life circumstances, about which the candidate can provide information in the application form.

You can find a summary of the call for applications in PDF format under the following link: [Call for Scholarship Application \[https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/3b_programmausschreibung_en_11_2021.pdf\]](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/3b_programmausschreibung_en_11_2021.pdf)

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

For all applicants:

- You should be of legal age (usually at least 18 years old) at the time of application.
- As a rule, your last degree should not date back more than 6 years at the time of the application deadline. Please read our [Important](#)

[scholarship information / Section A. \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/)

- Your application cannot be considered, as a rule, if you have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline. This does not exclude applications from Afghans with a longer stay after obtaining a first degree or similar in Germany.

Language skills

If applicable to your desired study or research projekt:

The language of instruction in study programmes in Germany is German, or in international programmes English or German and English.

When applying for a study admission and thus for the beginning of the scholarship, you generally have to submit an appropriate language certificate (e.g. DSH or TestDaF if the language of instruction is German, e.g. TOEFL or IELTS if the language of instruction is English). You should contact your chosen host university in good time to obtain information on this. Further information on the requirements can also be found on our [website \[https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/studium-planen/die-deutsche-sprache/\]](https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/studium-planen/die-deutsche-sprache/).

Therefore, you must already prove in your scholarship application what level of knowledge of the language of instruction (German, English, or German and English) of your chosen degree programme you currently have. Please enquire at the universities in question as to whether the required language skills must already be proven with the application for admission to the desired degree programme.

Application Procedure

Application documents

Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

For all applicants:

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (max. 3 pages)
- Statement about academic and personal reasons for the planned study or research project in Germany (letter of motivation; 1 - 3 pages). Please also explain your current personal risk situation as well as outline the future prospects in Germany made possible by a scholarship. Please also read our [Important Scholarship Information / Section B. \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/)
- A valid Afghan identification document* along with a valid residence permit for Germany. Please upload under "Other" in the DAAD Application Portal. If the identification document has expired, a written explanation must be provided as part of the application stating why a valid document cannot be presented.
- Confirmation that no dual citizenship exists – please upload under “Other” in the DAAD Application Portal.

In addition, for Bachelor students who are studying or would like to study in the future at a preparatory college or in a regular course of study:

- Current enrolment certificate (if available) or, alternatively, letter of admission to a study programme, this can be subsequently submitted until the application deadline if it is not available at the time of application.
- A current Transcript of Records with individual grade(s) (if available)
- School leaving certificate with all individual grades incl. explanation of grading system (please upload in the portal under "University entrance qualification"). The school leaving certificate must be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study programme begins if school has not been completed at the time of application.
- If you are not enrolled yet: Language certificates or proof of knowledge of the language(s) of instruction or research of the desired study program or research project (usually not older than two years, corresponding to level B2 or higher of the [CEFR](https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/)). [\[https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages\]](https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/)

In addition, for Master's students who are studying or would like to study in the future in a regular Master's programme:

- Current enrolment certificate (if available) or, alternatively, letter of admission to a study programme, this can be subsequently submitted until the application deadline if it is not available at the time of application.
- A current Transcript of Records with individual grade(s) (if available)
- Most recent University degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study programme begins if school has not been completed at the time of application.
- If you are not enrolled yet: Language certificates or proof of knowledge of the language(s) of instruction or research of the desired study programme or research project (usually not older than two years, corresponding to level B2 or higher of the [CEFR](https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/)).
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Additionally for doctoral candidates who are carrying out an individual project under the supervision of a university teacher (doctoral supervisor) or who are participating in a structured doctoral programme:

- Most recent University degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the grant-supported research begins if it is not available at the time of the application
- A proposal, prepared and formulated by yourself, as well as a description of previous research work (max. 10 pages in total). A proposal is an extensive and detailed description of the research project which has been discussed with the academic advisor. Please also read our [Important Scholarship Information / Section B](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/). [\[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/)

In the case of an individual project under the supervision of a university teacher (doctoral supervisor):

- Letter confirming supervision by a university teacher in Germany, which refers to the applicant's proposal and confirms that the host institute will provide a workplace
- Schedule of planned research work
- If applicable, acceptance as a doctoral candidate as well as one recent reference from your academic adviser

If participation in a structured doctoral study programme is planned:

- Letter of admission to a doctoral study programme, this can be subsequently submitted until the application deadline if it is not available at the time of the application
- Proof of existing contacts to the coordinator of the doctoral programme in the form of copies of correspondence

In addition, for postdoctoral researchers who are carrying out an individual project in cooperation with a university professor or who are participating in a structured postdoctoral programme:

- Most recent University degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the grant-supported research begins if it is not available at the time of the application
- A proposal, prepared and formulated by yourself, as well as a description of previous research work (max. 10 pages in total). A proposal is an extensive and detailed description of the research project which has been discussed with the academic adviser. Please also read our [Important Scholarship Information / Section B](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/). [\[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/)

In the case of an individual project in cooperation with a university teacher:

- Letter from host confirming academic cooperation, which refers to your proposal and guarantees that a workplace will be provided

Schedule of planned research work

- If applicable, acceptance as a postdoctoral researcher as well as one recent reference from your academic adviser

In case of planned participation in a structured postdoctoral programme:

- Letter of admission to a postdoctoral programme, this can be subsequently submitted until the application deadline if it is not available at the time of the application

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- [list]Proof of existing contacts to the coordinator of the postdoctoral programme in the form of copies of correspondence

Further important information on the application:

- Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations may be scanned in non-certified form and uploaded to the DAAD portal. All candidates have to upload German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language. The DAAD reserves the right to request certified copies of the documents, if necessary.
- When choosing your university, please take into account that the DAAD generally does not cover tuition fees.
- The application is done online via the DAAD portal. Please note that access to the application portal is only displayed as long as the current application deadline is running. After the application deadline, the portal is not available for this programme.
- Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time. The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for ensuring that your 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.

Application deadline

31.01.2022

Application location

Online via DAAD-Portal

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres

Contact person for programme related matters

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Technical support for the application via the DAAD Portal

Tel.: +49 (0) 228 882-8888

E-Mail: portal@daad.de [<mailto:portal@daad.de>]

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

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