

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Germany for DAAD-Alumni of the In-Country/In-Region Programme from Sub-Saharan Africa • DAAD

Overview

Objective

The In-Country/In-Region scholarship programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Sub-Saharan Africa with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development.

By training future academic and professional leaders, the programme contributes to the following long-term impacts:

- Qualified professionals' involvement in the solution of development-related problems in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Postgraduates strengthening education and research in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Structural strengthening and regional networking of partner institutions and partner universities

Who can apply?

Sub-Saharan African Alumni of the DAAD In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme who have completed their PhD and currently hold an academic position at a university or research institution in Sub-Saharan Africa.

For further information see: "Application requirements"

What can be funded?

The purpose of the programme is to provide opportunities to **alumni of the DAAD In-Country/In-Region programme** to conduct, under the guidance of their host institutions, co-operative research at a German university or other research institutions. The programme is designed to augment opportunities for researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa.

The project should not be a reworking or mere extension of the candidate's doctoral research project. That means:

- The fellowship should advance the candidate's research profile.
- The host and the candidate must have established close communication and devised a concrete research plan.
- The implementation of the fellowship should contribute to promoting exchange between German and Sub-Saharan African universities.

Applications may come from all subject areas with strong relevance to national or regional development.

The fellowships are tenable in any university or research institution in Germany.

Terms and Conditions

At the end of the fellowship the fellow has to provide a detailed report on the findings of the research co-signed by the hosting researcher and give further information on future co-operation and academic activities.

Duration of the funding

The awards are tenable for a period of three to six months and are not renewable.

Value

The fellowship consists of:

- An adequate travel lump sum
- A monthly allowance of EUR 2.000,--
- Accident liability and health insurance

The DAAD will endeavour to transfer/pay out the first payments as quickly as possible after the scholarship holder has arrived at the host institution.

Nevertheless, it is recommended to bring a financial reserve for the first time period.

The travel allowance and the honorarium cover all costs arising from and in connection with the travel and stay. This may be, for example, visa fees, costs for health checks or vaccinations, baggage costs or luggage insurance and taxable charges.

Please note that programmes which run for up to six months do not provide for families to join the grant holder and consequently the DAAD does not pay any family allowances.

Please note:

The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Scholarships will be awarded subject to the provision of funds.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

Applicants

- have to be alumni of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) within the “In-Region / In-Country Scholarship Programme”.
- must have completed their PhD degree less than six years ago.
- must hold an academic position at a university or research institution in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- have to be invited by a German host institution (please note: **DAAD does not find or introduce host institutions.**)
- have to be nationals of a Sub-Saharan African country.

Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

Application Procedure

Application documents

All documents need to be submitted in either English or German

- DAAD application form, duly filled (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum Vitae (please use the europass specimen form at (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> [<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>]), including list of publications (if applicable)
- Letter of Motivation
- Letter of invitation from a German host institution
- Research proposal (at least 5 pages)
- Detailed time and work plan (which must have been arranged in advance with the host researcher in Germany)
- Confirmation from a German professor stating that he/she will host the applicant during the stay
- 2 recommendation letters by academic referees
- PhD certificate (certified as true copy of the original certificate)
- Award Letter from previous DAAD scholarship that indicates your personal identification number (PKZ-/ID-number)

The application procedure occurs online through 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.

The access to the DAAD portal generally opens about 6 weeks before the application deadline at the latest.

For technical questions regarding the DAAD-Portal, please contact portal@daad.de [<mailto:portal@daad.de>].

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:

- March 1, 2021 for fellowships starting July 1, 2021
- April 1, 2021 for fellowships starting August 1, 2021
- May 1, 2021 for fellowships starting September 1, 2021
- June 1, 2021 for fellowships starting October 1, 2021
- July 1, 2021 for fellowships starting November 1, 2021

Application location

The application procedure occurs online through the DAAD portal.

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres

For consultation with DAAD, please contact:

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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/) [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/>].

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