

Study Scholarships - Postgraduate Studies in the Field of the Performing Arts • DAAD

Overview

Objective

DAAD scholarships offer graduates the opportunity to continue their education in Germany with a postgraduate or continuing course of study. The scholarships also promote the exchange of experience and networking amongst colleagues.

Who can apply?

Foreign applicants who have gained a first university degree in the field of the Performing Arts at the latest by the time they commence their scholarship-supported study programme.

What can be funded?

In this study programme, you can complete

- a Master's degree/postgraduate degree leading to a final qualification, or
- a complementary course that does not lead to a final qualification (not an undergraduate course)

at a state or state-recognised German university of your choice.

This programme only funds projects in the artistic field of the Performing Arts (Drama, Theatre Directing/Theatre Dramaturgy, Musicals, Performance Studies, Dance, Choreography). Other DAAD scholarship programmes are available for applicants from the fields of Theatre and Dance Studies or for artists with a scientific project.

Duration of the funding

Postgraduate study programmes leading to a final qualification:

- Between 10 and 24 months depending on the length of the chosen study programme or project
- Start: usually from 1st October, or earlier if a 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). To receive further funding after the first year of study for 2-year courses, proof of academic achievements thus far should indicate that the study programme can be successfully completed within the standard period of study.
- Applicants who are already in Germany in the first year of a postgraduate course at the time of application may apply for funding for their second year of study. In this case, it is not possible to extend the scholarship.

Complementary studies not leading to a final qualification:

- One academic year
- Start: usually from 1st October, or earlier if a language course is taken prior to the study programme

Value

- A monthly payment of 801 euros
- Travel allowance
- 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
- Monthly allowance for accompanying members of family

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 the online language course "Deutsch-Uni Online (DUO)" ([deutsch-uni.com](http://www.deutsch-uni.com) [<http://www.deutsch-uni.com>]) for six months after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter
- if necessary: Language course (2, 4 or 6 months) before the start of the study visit; 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 fees for the TestDaF test which has either been taken in the home country after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter or in Germany before the end of the funding period
- As an alternative to the TestDaF for scholarship holders who have taken a language course beforehand: the fee for a DSH examination taken during the scholarship period may be reimbursed.

Selection

A special DAAD committee made up of professors from German universities makes the final decision about scholarships in the field of the Performing Arts. The decision is based upon written applications and work samples which have to be submitted (see: www.daad.de/extrainfo [<http://www.daad.de/extrainfo>]).

Further information

Confirmation of a scholarship does not automatically guarantee admission to one of the universities. The individual university decides whether or not to offer scholarship holders a place. In most cases, applicants are required to take an entrance examination. Please find out 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. If an applicant is offered a scholarship by the DAAD but fails to be admitted to a university, he/she may not make use of the scholarship that has already been awarded.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

- As a rule, applicants should have taken their final examinations no longer than six years before the application deadline.
- Applicants who have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline cannot be considered.
- If the scholarship holder is 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 achievement of the scholarship objective.
 - The study period is no longer than a quarter of the scholarship period. Longer periods cannot be funded, even partially.
 - The study period does not take place in the home country.

Language skills

Applicants from the fields of Drama and Direction should have a good to excellent knowledge of German, applicants from the fields of Musicals, Performance Studies, Dance and Choreography require at least a basic knowledge of German and a good knowledge of English.

Application Procedure

The application procedure occurs online through the DAAD portal. You are also required to send additional documents by post to the specified application address.

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.

To apply, please select the call for applications for this programme in the scholarship database (www.funding-guide.de). From here, you can enter the portal by clicking the tab "Submitting an application".

Application documents

Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations 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.

1. Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form
- 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)

Master's degree programme/postgraduate study programme leading to a final qualification:

- Form "[Information about your preferred master programmes](https://www2.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/a206_studienganginfo-information_about_the_study_programme.docx)" [https://www2.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/a206_studienganginfo-information_about_the_study_programme.docx]
- If available: Letter of acceptance from the host university. If you do not have a letter of acceptance at the time of application, you must apply to the university for this in good time and subsequently submit the confirmation letter before the scholarship-supported study programme begins. Please note that you yourself are responsible for ensuring that you apply for admission at the host university by the due date and that a Scholarship Award Letter from the DAAD only becomes valid if you are admitted to your chosen host university.

Complementary studies not leading to a final qualification:

- Confirmation of supervision from a German university teacher

Also for all applicants:

- University degree certificate 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.
- Proof of knowledge of the language of instruction (German or English). The language certificate should be no more than two years old.
- Other documents which support your application (e.g. certificates of employment, proof of placements, etc.)

Please do not upload any work samples to the DAAD portal!

Current note: If you are unable to submit a language certificate due to Corona (e.g. due to the closure of universities or language test centers), please upload an appropriate justification with a self-assessment of your current language level according to the [CEFR](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/cefr/) [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/cefr/>] instead of the missing document. Please note, however, that you will need proof of language proficiency to apply for university admission and thus to start the scholarship. If you acquire a language certificate after the application deadline, please submit it to us. You can find tips for self-assessment of your language skills [here, see section A point 8](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/>].

2. To be submitted by post:

- A DVD with work samples in **triplicate** (for formal requirements, read: "Additional Information for DAAD Study Scholarships in the Field of the Performing Arts" at: www.daad.de/extrainfo [<http://www.daad.de/extrainfo>]). Please do not upload any work samples to the DAAD portal!

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- the printed "Cover sheet to application" of the "Application summary" which is generated in the portal in PDF format after the online application has been completed;
- one recent reference from a university teacher providing information about your qualifications (hand-signed, no digital or scanned signature); please enclose the reference with your postal application in a sealed envelope. Please regard the instructions given on the tab "Submitting an application".

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

Current note: Due to the current pandemic situation, applications can be submitted on application dates that lie in 2020 without application reference.

Please note

- Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal (see Item 1) and by post (see Item 2). The postmark date serves as proof that the application has been dispatched on time.
- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day.
- Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete.
- The application documents remain with the DAAD. Data relating to applicants 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

More detailed information

- DAAD website section "[Courses of study in Germany](https://www.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/de/)" [<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/de/>]
- DAAD website section "[10 steps to studying in Germany](https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/de/)" [<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/de/>] to help you prepare for your stay in Germany
- DAAD website section "[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/>]

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