

Study Scholarships - Master Studies for All Academic Disciplines • DAAD

Overview

Objective

This scholarship programme offers you the opportunity to continue your academic education in Germany with a postgraduate course of study.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you have completed your first degree (e.g. Bachelor's or Diplom) at the latest by the time the funding period begins.

Please note: For applicants from artistic disciplines and the field of architecture, the DAAD offers subject-specific scholarship programmes: [Music \[https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=musik&page=1&detail=57135743\]](https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=musik&page=1&detail=57135743), [Fine Art/Design/Film \[https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=bildende%20kunst&page=1&detail=57135742\]](https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=bildende%20kunst&page=1&detail=57135742), [Performing Art \[https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=darstellende%20kunst&page=1&detail=50109971\]](https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=darstellende%20kunst&page=1&detail=50109971), [Architecture \[https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=architektur&page=1&detail=57135744\]](https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=architektur&page=1&detail=57135744)

What can be funded?

The programme provides funding for

- a whole postgraduate or Master's degree programme completed at a state or state-recognised university in Germany or
- one year of study in Germany as part of a second or Master's degree completed at your home university. The general condition is that the academic credits you gain in Germany are recognised by your home university. Moreover, the standard period of study at your home university should not be exceeded as a result of the study year in Germany.

A Master's degree programme already started in Germany cannot be funded.

Duration of the funding

Depending on the length of your chosen programme, the scholarship is intended for visits of **between 10 and 24 months**.

The scholarships are awarded for the duration of the standard period of study for the chosen 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. After the first year of study, your academic achievements will be assessed in a further funding procedure. If this shows that you will successfully complete your programme within a reasonable period of time, the scholarship will continue as planned.

The scholarship usually begins on 1st October of the following year, or earlier if you take a German language course prior to the study programme.

Value

- Scholarship payments of 861 euros a month
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover
- [Travel allowance \[https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-2021-2027\]](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-2021-2027)

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- One-off study allowance (if you come from a [DAC country \[https://intranet.daad.de/DAAD-Regelwerk/Gewusst_wie-Personenbez_Foerderung/Freigegebene%20Dokumente/Stipendienhandbuch%20Ausl%C3%A4nder%20Anlage%20Liste%202022-23.pdf#search=DAC\]](#), you will receive a flat rate of € 460; for all other countries the grant is € 260)

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

- Monthly rent subsidy
- 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 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 \[https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/mobility-with-a-disability/\]](#)
- Green Mobility Top Up (Support for climate-friendly travel) or partial reimbursement of carbon offset payments for air travel

To allow you to improve your language skills in preparation for your stay in Germany, the DAAD offers the following benefits:

- 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 study programme is taught in German. **Due to the pandemic, German courses may take place online.**
- 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 Letter of Award or in Germany during your funding period.

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

Selection

An independent selection committee consisting of specialist scientists reviews applications.

The Selection criteria are:

Academic qualification

- Academic achievements
- School leaving certificate, if applicable
- Course of studies
- Knowledge of the language of instruction or working language
- If applicable, relevant internships, work experience

Quality of the study project

- Quality of the study project and of the preparation (preliminary information, choice of degree programme, host university and establishment of contacts)
- Integration of the project into the course of study, if relevant

Potential of the applicant

- Motivation: academic and personal reasons for the stay in Germany, German language skills (if different from the working language);
- Prospects: Significance of the stay in Germany for further academic, professional and personal development.

- Extracurricular commitment: extracurricular knowledge and skills, social commitment.

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

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

Please check if the following criteria are fulfilled:

- 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 \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/).
- Please note that you yourself are responsible for ensuring your application for admission to the German university for your chosen study programme is submitted by the due date. It is therefore important that you find out about admission requirements, application and enrolment deadlines at your host university and regulations regarding entry into Germany in good time. If you have not yet received notification of admission at the time of application, you must submit this before the funding period begins. A Scholarship Award Letter from the DAAD is only valid if you have been admitted to study at your chosen host university.
- If the degree programme includes a period of study or work placement outside Germany lasting several months, this period abroad is usually only funded under the following conditions:
The study visit is essential for achievement of 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. Longer periods cannot be funded, even partially.
- Your application **cannot** be considered, if you have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline.
- Eligible Applicants:
 - US or Canadian citizens or permanent residents
 - Foreign nationals who live in the USA or in Canada and by the time of application deadline have gained their last degree in the US/Canada or will be gaining it before the beginning of their funding period.

Language skills

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

When you **apply** to the DAAD for a **scholarship**, you must provide proof of your **level of proficiency in the language of instruction** (German, English, or German **and** English) in your chosen study programme. As a rule, the following certificates can be provided for German: TestDaF, DSH, Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz (DSD), Goethe-Zertifikat, Österreichisches Sprachdiplom, telc Deutsch and onSET Deutsch. For English, the following certificates can be submitted: Cambridge English, Cambridge Business, IELTS, ISE, TOEFL iBT, TOEFL Essentials, TOEIC, PTE Academic and onSET English. An onSET test can be taken in many countries, e.g. with a DAAD Lektor. Please also take a look under "Contact and Consulting". **In the section "Application procedure" under "Application documents", find out whether specific certification is required for your country of origin.**

If you are awarded the scholarship, the DAAD can award you a German language course prior to your funding project (see section "Value"). During the DAAD's scholarship selection procedure, we assess whether you require such a language course and how many months are appropriate (maximum of six). This German course can help you improve your German language skills. However, it is not realistic to expect to reach the level required for university admission in these courses if, up until this point, you have no or very little previous knowledge of German.

To **apply for a place at the university** and therefore for the **start of funding**, you must submit proof of your language skills (e.g. DSH or TestDaF if the language of instruction is German; e.g. TOEFL or IELTS if the language of instruction is English). Level C1 is often required, but this varies from programme to programme. Ask your chosen host university about requirements well in advance. For more information

about requirements, check out our [website \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/the-german-language/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/the-german-language/).

- In addition to the above-mentioned language certificates, applicants may demonstrate their level of proficiency in German using the DAAD Language Evaluation Form (Sprachnachweis).
- [Download DAAD Certification of German Language Competency \[https://www.daad.org/files/2022/09/Sprachnachweis_Formular1.pdf\]](https://www.daad.org/files/2022/09/Sprachnachweis_Formular1.pdf)
- If you have any knowledge of German, submit this document signed by a faculty member (professor or teaching assistant) of the German Department at your institution. If you have no knowledge of German and your study language in Germany is English, be sure to submit this certificate anyway, indicating that your study language is English, and write at the top "No knowledge of German." (Please note that German is not a requirement)

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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.

Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (max. 3 pages)
- 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 B, Point 1 \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/).
- Letter of admission to the study programme at the host university in Germany. **If you have not yet received notification of admission at the time of application, you must submit this before the funding period begins.**
- **If you are planning to do a second degree or Master's programme in Germany**, you must submit the form "[Information about your preferred master programmes" \[https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/a206b_studiengangsinfo-information_about_the_study_programme.docx\]](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/a206b_studiengangsinfo-information_about_the_study_programme.docx)
- **If you are planning to spend time studying in Germany as part of a second or Master's degree programme abroad**, you must submit proof that credits acquired in Germany will be recognised by your home university.
- Current overview of grades/ transcript of records with individual grades
- University degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted by the time funding starts if you have not yet completed your programme at the time of application.
- Proof of knowledge of language(s) of instruction in the chosen study programme (should be no older than 2 years). Please submit certificates via the DAAD portal even if the university does not require proof of language skills.
- Other documents you think might be of relevance to your application (e.g. certificates of employment, proof of extracurricular engagement)
- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system.

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

To be submitted by post:

One recent reference from a university teacher which provides information about your qualifications (hand-signed, no digital or scanned signature). Please regard the instructions given on the tab "Submitting an application".

Note for applicants from Albania: The digital submission of references is being tested in a pilot phase. Please note the information provided under "Application Location".

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.

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:

November 4th, 2022

Selection date in February 2023

Start of the funding from October 2023

Application location

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Please note

- Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time.
- For submitting references by post, the postmark date serves as proof that they have been dispatched on time.
- (If further documents are to be submitted by post, please send them as soon as possible.)
- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day. **If possible, please do not send your application on the final date in case technical problems occur.**
- 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.

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres

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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/)" [<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/)" [<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/)" [<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/>]
- [Checklist \[bundles/daadadminlbh/uploads/live/4782.pdf\]](#)

Further information

Please check the DAAD New York Website

<https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/study-scholarship/> [<https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/study-scholarship/>]

for more information

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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