

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?

- Excellently-qualified graduates who have completed a first degree (e.g. Bachelor, Diplom) at the latest by the time they commence their scholarship-supported study programme.
- 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?

- a 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 postgraduate or Master's degree programme with completing the degree abroad; recognition of the academic achievements rendered in Germany must be guaranteed. The standard period of study at the home university should not be exceeded as a result of the study year in Germany.

Duration of the funding

- Between 10 and 24 months depending on the length of the chosen study programme
- In the case of 2-year courses, further funding is provided after the first year of study, if your academic achievements thus far indicate that you will successfully complete the study programme within a reasonable period of time.
- If you are already in Germany in the first academic year of a 2-year postgraduate or Master's programme at the time of application, you may apply for a scholarship for the second year of study. It is not possible to extend the scholarship.

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 \[https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_reisekostenzuschuesse_stipendiaten.pdf\]](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_reisekostenzuschuesse_stipendiaten.pdf)
- One-off study allowance

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

- Monthly rent subsidy
- Monthly allowance for accompanying members of family
- 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/)

To enable scholarship holders to learn German in preparation for their stay in Germany, 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 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 fees for the TestDaF or DSH test which has either been taken in the home country after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter or in Germany during the funding period

Selection

An independent selection committee consisting of specialist scientists reviews applications.

Selection criteria:

Academic qualification (documented by: certificates, reference, curriculum vitae, language certificate):

- Academic achievements and duration of studies

Quality of the study project (documented by: letter of motivation, information about the preferred Master's programme, reference, proof of language proficiency, if applicable, letter of admission from the German host university):

- Quality of project presentation and preparation (preliminary information, contact with host institution)
- Reasons for choosing Germany (academic and personal reasons for the planned study project, choice of the host institution)
- Integration of the stay in the academic career and the connection with academic or professional perspectives

Additional criteria (documented by: curriculum vitae, if applicable, certificates):

- Additional knowledge and skills (e.g. through professional or voluntary activities)
- Involvement in academic self-governance, higher education policy issues
- Political, social, cultural, social commitment

In addition, in order to ensure equal opportunities, the selection committee may take into account special life circumstances, about 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?

- 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/).
- Your application cannot be considered, if you have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline.
- Notification of admission from the German host university for the desired degree course; please note that you yourself are responsible for ensuring that you apply for admission at the host university by the due date. If notification of admission is not yet available at the time of application, it must be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study begins. A Scholarship Award Letter from the DAAD is only valid if you have been admitted to study at the desired host university.
- If the degree programme includes a study period or work placement outside Germany lasting several months, 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 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.
- 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 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 \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/the-german-language/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/the-german-language/).

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.

In addition to the scholarship for the degree course, you may be awarded a preparatory German language course in Germany (see section "Value"). The scholarship selection process will assess whether such a language course is required for you and how many months (maximum six) would be appropriate. These German language courses will enable you to improve your language skills. However, it is not realistic to reach the level required for university admission within the scope of these courses if you have no or very little knowledge of German by then.

- DAAD Language Evaluation Form (Sprachnachweis): 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).

Application Procedure

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 a study programme; this can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study programme begins if it is not available at the time of application.

For a postgraduate or Master's degree to be completed in Germany:

- Form "[Information about your preferred master programmes](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/a206b_studiengangsinformation_about_the_study_programme.docx)" [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/a206b_studiengangsinformation_about_the_study_programme.docx]

For a study period in Germany as part of a postgraduate or Master's degree completed abroad:

- Proof that the academic achievements rendered in Germany will be recognised by the home university

Also for all applicants:

- A current Transcript of Records with individual grade(s)
- 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 language(s) of instruction in the chosen study programme (should be no older than 2 years)
- Other documents you think might be of relevance to your application (e.g. certificates of employment, proof of extracurricular engagement)

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

- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system.

Current note: If a language certificate is part of the application documents, please note the following: In the absolute exception, if you are unable to submit a language certificate due to Corona (e.g. due to the closure of universities or language test centres and if no digital language test is possible either), 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 (tips for self-assessment of your language skills can be found [here, under 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/>]).

In these cases, the absence of a language certificate does not lead to a formal rejection of your scholarship application by the DAAD. However, submitted language certificates are included in the assessment. If you acquire language certificates after the application deadline, please submit them later.

Please note that you will still need proof of language proficiency in order to apply for a place at a German higher education institution and thus to be able to take up the scholarship.

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".

Current information on application deadlines until 31.12.2021: Due to the current pandemic situation, applications can be submitted without an application reference. The absence of a reference does not lead to a formal rejection of your application. Submitted references are included in the assessment. We therefore recommend, if possible due to the pandemic, submitting references with the application.

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 will open on July 20th, 2021, for applications from Israel, Palestinian Territories, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, Bahamas, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis. For all other countries, the portal will open on August 20, 2021.

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:

04.11.2021

Application location

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WWW.: <http://www.daad.org> [<http://www.daad.org>]

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.
- 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 "[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/>]

- [Checklist \[/bundles/daadadminlbh/uploads/live/4667.pdf\]](#)

Further information

Please check the DAAD Canada Website for more Information:
<https://www.daad-canada.ca/en/study-research-in-germany-2/study-in-germany/>

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