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Research Grants – One-Year Grants for Doctoral Candidates • DAAD

Overview

Objective

This programme offers you the opportunity to carry out research primarily as part of doctoral projects in Germany.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you have above-average qualifications and

- are already taking a doctoral degree

  or

- are not yet taking a doctoral degree and you have already completed a Master's degree or Diplom, or in exceptional cases a Bachelor's degree, at the latest by the time the funding period begins.

Postdocs may **not** apply.

What can be funded?

The programme provides funding for a research project or continuing academic training at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education in Germany or a non-university research institute, which is being carried out in agreement with a supervisor in Germany.

Duration of the funding

- Funding is provided for between 7 and a maximum of 12 months. Please indicate in your application how long you wish to receive funding. The funding period will then be determined during the selection process by a selection committee. The committee takes into account your study plan.

- The grant is non-renewable.

Value

- Depending on academic level, monthly payments of 1,200 euros for doctoral candidates,
  861 euros, if you are not yet taking a doctoral degree

- 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], unless these expenses are covered by the home country or another source of funding

- One-off research 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%Liste%202022-23.pdf#search=DAC], you will receive a flat rate of € 460; for all other countries the grant is € 260)

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

- monthly rent subsidy

- monthly allowance for accompanying family members. 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/]

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To enable you to learn German in preparation for your 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: Language course (2, 4 or 6 months) before the start of the research stay in Germany; the DAAD decides whether to fund the grant holder's participation and for how long depending on language skills and project. If a language course scholarship is granted and the working language at the host institute is German, participation is compulsory. **Due to the pandemic, German courses may take place online.**

- Allowance for a personally chosen German language course during the funding 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 Scholarship Award Letter or in Germany during your funding period.

Selection

An independent selection committee consisting of specialist scientists reviews applications.
The selection criteria are:

1. Qualification

- Academic achievements (grade point average, development of grades)

- Academic progress

- Knowledge of the language of instruction or working language

- If applicable, scholarly achievements after graduation, (e.g. publications, lectures, conference papers)

2. Quality of research project

- Quality of research proposal and preparation (originality, topicality and relevance of the project, choice of host institution and first contacts)

- Feasibility and consistency of study plan and schedule (analysis and evaluation stages)

- Incorporation of project within the overall doctorate (in terms of content and time), if relevant

3. Potential of applicant

- Career prospects: significance of the research project and stay in Germany for further academic, professional and personal development

- Motivation: academic and personal reasons for wanting to visit Germany, German language skills (if different from working language)

- Non-study-related activities: non-study-related knowledge and skills, civic engagement

The selection committee also gives due consideration to equal opportunities; you can provide relevant information in the application form.
For more information on the selection procedure, go to Important Scholarship Information [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, applicants should not have graduated any longer than six years before the application deadline

- If you have already started your doctorate, it also applies that the start of the doctorate should not be longer than 3 years ago. Please also read our Important Scholarship Information [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/] / Section A, point 2.

- For applicants from the fields of human medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry, other regulations are applicable. Please refer to www.daad.de/extrainfo [http://www.daad.de/extrainfo].

- 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

- Applicants must be able to prove they have a good knowledge of German at the time of their application.

- 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).

- Download DAAD Certification of German Language Competency [https://www.daad.org/files/2016/09/Sprachnachweis_Formular.pdf]

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)

- List of publications (max. 10 pages), if applicable

- Description of academic and personal reasons for your planned project in Germany (letter of motivation: 1-2 pages), taking account of the following question: What do you hope to gain from your project in Germany (personally, professionally, for your career)?

- 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 [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/] / section B, point 2.

- Schedule of planned research work

- Confirmation from the academic host in Germany; the confirmation must refer to your project and guarantee that the host institute in Germany will provide you with a workplace. Also read our Important Scholarship Information [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/] / section C, point 3.

- 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 application.

- Other documents which support your application (example: certificates of employment, proof of practical training/internships or social commitment etc.)

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

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".

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.

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 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

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 application is 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

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More detailed information

- DAAD website "Important information for DAAD scholarship applicants" [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/]

- DAAD website section "Doing a PhD and Research in Germany" [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/phd-studies-and-research/]

- Website "Research in Germany" [https://www.research-in-germany.org/en.html]

- Website "GERiT – German Research Institutions" [https://www.gerit.org/en/]

- Checklist [/bundles/daadadminlbh/uploads/live/4778.pdf]

Further information

Please check the DAAD North America Website for more information on this scholarship:
https://www.daad-canada.ca/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/research-grants/ [https://www.daad-canada.ca/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/research-grants/]

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/].

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