African Good Governance Network 2017

What are the aims of the programme?

Under the auspices of the former German Federal President, Dr. Horst Köhler, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) initiated the AGGN in early 2007, funded by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). By establishing this network, DAAD wants to contribute to the broadening and enhancement of academic collaboration between Africa and Germany and support future key players in the domain of Good Governance.

The African Good Governance Network (AGGN) comprises a group of highly educated African academics who are currently studying in Germany or have done so in the past. Due to their qualifications they are expected to be among the future decision makers dedicated to Good Governance principles in sub-Saharan Africa. AGGN is a vibrant network of peers who promote the values of Good Governance and help to further the process of democratisation by accompanying the economic and political transformation in their home countries.

Who can apply?

Students from Sub-Saharan Africa (Master or PhD) who are situated in Germany at the time of application and selection. They should remain in Germany during the first year of their membership. Candidates can also be nominated by a German university or a re-known research institution.

What can be funded?

Members of the network are entitled to attend four Good Governance related seminars annually for a period of two years. The aim of these workshops is to enhance the consciousness and understanding of Good Governance, thus strengthening the social attitude.

Another rather practical aspect within the framework of AGGN activities is the Skills Training. Public relations, decision-making, and presentation techniques are only a small part of the wide range of teaching programmes that AGGN provides for its members. Funding can also be provided for attending conferences focusing on Good Governance and /or to conduct own subject related workshops.

What disciplines are eligible?

The programme is open to all disciplines.

Submitting an application

Applications should be submitted on time and complete by regular mail or Email and must include:

- Completed nomination/recommendation form
- Explanatory statement (letter of recommendation) by the supporting party (in particular with respect to the academic performance as well as the social engagement of the proposed candidate) – one page maximum
- Letter of motivation, CV and, if applicable list of publication of the nominee/applicant
- University diploma or degree certificates indicating the final grade(s)
- Referees

Deadline for applications

November 30, 2016 (date of entry).
Selection criteria
Up to 20 new members can be admitted annually to the network. Following an in-depth review of the submitted documents, suitable applicants are chosen and invited for an interview. In addition to a strong academic background candidates should be able to show a proven track record in social engagement.

The selection will take place at the Arnold-Bersträsser-Institute by Skype interviews presumably in February 2017.

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Attachments
1. Nomination/Recommendation form

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