

FUNDING CONDITIONS

Centres of African Excellence

Resource Management and Food Security 2020



PLEASE NOTE:

The provisions outlined in this document are basic conditions that apply for submitting applications for Centres of African Excellence (here: Resource Management).

These arrangements and funding rates apply for all projects realised within the DAAD programme line 'Centres of African Excellence'. They are subject to project applications or extensions and have been drawn up based on existing DAAD programmes with funding from the Federal Foreign Office or other federal departments, and special requirements with regard to the programme objectives were also taken into account.

Exceptions can be coordinated with the DAAD in individual well-founded cases.

In addition to realisation of the funded measures by the grant recipient, it is explicitly requested that the partner universities get involved in a way that is directly beneficial to the project. This includes, for example, that the partner university provides infrastructure and / or manpower for the project free of charge. This involvement should be described in detail in the substantive report.

In line with the programme objective, it is expected that the majority of activities and spending should take place in and for Africa.

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A. Scholarships

1. General information

(Does not apply for mobility grants and the participation in summer schools)

1.1. Application requirements

Applicants should have obtained their most recent degree no more than six years prior to the time of application. (Exception: MA training for working professionals). Any deviations from this rule should be discussed with the DAAD in advance.

1.2. Advertising of scholarships

The scholarships must be advertised publicly, at least on the website of the respective Centre. It is recommended to use further channels too, such as the website of the programme line (www.african-excellence.de) or the relevant regional offices and information centres of the DAAD.

1.3. Deadline planning

Selection dates should ideally be set at a fixed annual rhythm and the DAAD should be informed at least 3 months in advance. The list of applicants selected for an interview (ranked short list) should be provided to the DAAD no less than 2 weeks before the selection. The list should include information about the applicants' most recently obtained degrees and their dates of birth.

1.4. Selection and selection guidelines

The applicants are selected by the project partners. Corresponding arrangements should be included in the project-specific cooperation agreements. The contract partner undertakes to ensure a transparent selection procedure in line with the DAAD guidelines, taking professional and personal criteria into account. The application should include a motivation letter, two independent assessments and for doctorate projects a proposal outlining the suggested research topic.

A selection committee must be formed, comprising at least two (ideally three) professors of the respective partner institutions. Additional advisory support may be sought from external experts (stake holders) who are not involved in the decision-making process. A representative of the DAAD must be consulted **in an advisory role**. Any exceptions require prior coordination with the DAAD.

The selection must be made based on quality, and social and regional aspects, and the applicant's personal suitability should also be taken into account. Selection of doctoral candidates should ideally take place based on personal meetings with the applicants, who may be pre-selected based on the information provided. For reasons of cost-efficiency, these meetings may also take place in the form of video conferences.

Selection records must be prepared, documenting the committee structure and the decision criteria. **This record must be submitted along with the annual substantive report, at the latest.**

1.5. Granting of scholarships and awarding of a certificate

The scholarship must be granted by the project partners, using the letter of scholarship award and declaration of acceptance templates provided by the DAAD.

Scholarships can usually be granted for 12 months. For MA courses of study (depending on the scheduled duration of studies) they can be extended by 6 or 12 months to a total of up to 24 months. For doctorates they can be extended to up to 36 months in instalments of 12 months each (up to 48 months in individual cases coordinated with the DAAD). The extension of the scholarship period takes place based on an application submitted by the scholarship holder including a short progress report (incl. further scheduling) and based on a decision made by the supervising professor. The DAAD must be informed in the context of the substantive report, at the latest. Scholarships can only be extended within the duration of the contract.

A scholarship certificate must be awarded.

2. Information about funding for African students at the Centres of Excellence in Africa (sur-place scholarships or third state scholarships)

2.1. Scholarship instalment amount per month in EUR

Country	Doctorate		Master's degree	
	Incountry (sur place)	Third state	Incountry (sur place)	Third state
Southern Africa* (Mauritius, South Africa, Namibia, Botswana)	600**	600**	600**	600**
Eastern Africa (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda)	280	430	240	380
Eastern Africa (Ethiopia)	210	230	180	200
Eastern Africa (Sudan)	230	270	180	210
Western and Central Africa	500	550	300	450

* If requested, scholarship instalments for the country group Zambia, Angola, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland shall be coordinated with the DAAD.

** Scholarship rates for the region Southern Africa are currently being updated with regard to adequacy. The indicated rates of EUR 600 are intended as a basis for calculation that must be subsequently adjusted.

2.2. Additional support for sur place and third state scholarship holders.

Reimbursement for the following expenditure is available in addition to the scholarship instalment:

- Writing and printing allowance:

An allowance funded with programme resources for writing (final clean copy) and printing costs for the master's or doctoral thesis can be applied for as a lump sum (maximum amount: EUR 1,025).

- Rent allowance:
A fixed rent allowance of EUR 30 per month is available for students who cannot live on the campus or in halls of residence, to compensate for higher rents.
- Study and research allowance:
Scholarship holders pursuing a master's degree or doctorate can receive an annual study and research allowance that is paid along with the first instalment. The study and research allowance for scholarship holders pursuing a master's degree or doctorate is up to EUR 460 per year for master's and up to EUR 920 for doctorate scholarship holders. For MA scholarship holders the allowance is granted for no more than 2 years. For doctorate scholarship holders it can be granted for up to 3 years. An annual allowance of up to EUR 230 may be granted if the doctorate scholarship is extended by another year.
- Research expenditure allowance:
For the purpose of gathering materials for a doctorate theses, and subject to a review of each individual case by the supervisor or project leader, scholarship holders can submit an application to the Centre of Excellence (including justification of the project and an estimate of costs) to apply for a research expenditure allowance of up to EUR 5,000 per scholarship holder in total. Up to EUR 2,500 can usually be granted per year.
- Trips home:
One trip home per year can usually be funded with programme resources for doctoral candidates. Such trips must be settled based on the foreign travel expense regulation.
- Health insurance:
The indicated scholarship instalments do not include health insurance. Funding can be provided for the usual national health insurance rates. This is also the case for stays in Germany.
- Tuition fees:
Tuition fees at the respective African higher education institution can generally be covered with programme resources. However, the project partners should seek remission of fees for national and international students of the Centres of Excellence.
- Travel costs for applicant interviews:
The actual travel costs incurred by applicants for doctoral scholarships, who come for an on-site interview, can be funded with programme resources (in line with principles of economic efficiency and frugality).
- Language classes:
Funding is available for expenditure for language classes taken to learn German.

Language classes for learning the language of communication in the third country can usually not be funded through the project. Exceptions are only possible where such classes are obviously in the interest of a project.

2.3. **No funding is available for:**

- Family allowances for married scholarship holders
- Children's allowances

2.4. **Scholarship extension (final allowance)**

In individual justified cases and upon application, a one-off extension of up to 6 months can be granted beyond the maximum funding period indicated in section 1.5. This arrangement is only available during the project duration.

A progress report and an assessment of the work performed by the supervising professor are required. A decision regarding a final allowance is made by the selection committee as outlined in section 1.4.

3. **Information about funding for German students at the Centres of Excellence in Africa**

German graduates can apply for funding for their advanced studies at the Centre of Excellence in Africa. Stays for performing, for example, an internship at the Centre of Excellence are also possible.

The scholarship rates listed below apply.

Allowance for students in EUR	Allowance for doctoral candidates in EUR	Country
1100	1550	Lesotho, South Africa
1150	1600	Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Zambia, Sudan, Togo
1200	1675	Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Somalia, Uganda
1275	1750	Ghana, Cameroon, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Chad, Central Africa
1325	1825	Gabon, Guinea, DR Congo, Rwanda, Senegal
1375	1925	Burundi, Djibouti, Gabon, Congo-Brazzaville
1425	2000	Zimbabwe
1500	2075	South Sudan
1600	2225	Liberia

4. Information about funding for research and work stays of students, lecturers and researchers

4.1. Visits of African students of the Centres of Excellence to the German partner institution (research and internships)

African students of the Centres of Excellence can be granted a visit for an internship, studies or research, if they have planned and coordinated a work or research project with the German partner institution.

The funding rates listed below apply. The funding rate for the stay in Germany is offset against the rate granted for studying at the Centre of Excellence. Travel expenses are covered based on actual and verifiable expenditure and based on principles of economic efficiency and frugality. Interns can be paid a compensation up to the amount designated for the scholarship category of their level of education, provided that the company or institute where the internship takes place does not pay sufficient compensation.

	Monthly rate	Daily rate up to day 22	Daily rate following month
Students	EUR 861	EUR 39	EUR 29
Doctoral candidates	EUR 1,200	54	40

4.2. Visits of African researchers of the Centre to the German project partner

Academics of the Centres of Excellence (lecturers) who have coordinated the realisation of a research project in Germany with their German project partner, can be invited for a stay for research and / or teaching purposes.

The following scholarship rate applies:

Scholarship	
Monthly	EUR 2,300.00
The following daily rate applies for stays of less than 23 days	EUR 96.00
The following daily rate applies for stays of less than 23 days in the 2nd or 3rd month	EUR 72.00

The full monthly rate is paid from day 23.

Compensation of the actual expenditure for mobility can be claimed in line with principles of economic efficiency and frugality.

Compensation of the actual expenditure can be claimed by the project leader of the Centre of Excellence for stays with the German partner. **Please note:** The rates indicated above are considered maximum rates in this case.

4.3. Visits of other African researchers to the Centre of Excellence

African researchers, including from third states in Africa, who would like to realise a research project at the Centre in Africa, following coordination with the centre leader, or who are visiting the Centre for teaching purposes, can be invited for a study or research stay. The researcher in question should usually have a doctorate and good references in the form of scientific publications. Information about a specific study or research endeavour must be presented to the centre leader, no less than 6 weeks before the stay.

Compensation of the actual expenditure for mobility can be claimed in line with principles of economic efficiency and frugality.

4.4 Visits of German researchers to the Centre of Excellence

Funding for stays of German researchers at the Centre of Excellence can be provided subject to coordination with the project leader.

Compensation of the actual expenditure for mobility and the stay itself can be claimed in line with principles of economic efficiency and frugality.

5. Information about postdoc funding for graduates from the Centres of Excellence and other designated DAAD alumni

It is possible to include permanent postdoc positions in the Centres' staffing plans to allow for research and teaching support to be established and developed.

Annual research allowance: EUR 3,000.00

Monthly compensation* Customary local salary based on a confirmation from the host university regarding an adequate amount (possibly plus a location surcharge)

* Funding for these posts can be provided for up to 2 years beyond the project, provided that the higher education institution in question undertakes contractually to continue funding the post after the end of these 2 years and will make it a permanent position

B. Information regarding the project implementation

1. Administration

1.1. Settlement of travel expenses

Unless otherwise indicated, travel expenses are settled based on actual and verifiable expenditure and in line with principles of economic efficiency and frugality. Funding is only available for the cheapest type of ticket (usually Economy Class).

1.2. Corporate identity

In order to promote a uniform appearance of the Centres, the provided templates and logos of the donor, the DAAD and the Centres of African Excellence programme must be used for any scholarship certificates, acceptance letters, letter heads, power point presentations and online publications.

2. Project implementation and support

The following human resources can be applied for for management, coordination and administrative support for the Centres of Excellence.

Leader

No uniform approach is stipulated in consideration of diverse Centre structures and their integration in the respective African host institution.

The DAAD assumes that an individual holding a permanent position funded by the host university will be appointed as leader of the Centre at the African university. Funding for an additional allowance for the post that is appropriate for the location can be covered using project resources.

The post of the German project leader is usually funded by the German higher education institution.

Coordination

Over the course of the project, coordination duties should increasingly be taken over by the African university (at the latest in a 2nd funding phase). The post as coordinator should be assigned to a person with sufficient experience in the area of project management and administration. A 0.5 FTE position (usually a research assistant) is normally allowed for the partner institutions.

Project administration at the German higher education institution

The DAAD assumes that a suitably qualified professional will be in charge of project administration at the German higher education institution.

Assistants

Temporary posts for additional student and research assistants can be funded for project-related activities at the African and German partner institutions. The amount spent for this purpose should be based on the average remuneration of the respective type of assistant at the higher education institution. Temporarily employed assistants can also be hired based on a fee or project-related contract.