

German Egyptian Research Long-Term Scholarship “GERLS” Channel-System

Since the Channel-System has developed into one of the most successful programs, the Egyptian and the German sides agree that the doctorate research pursued within the special channel-arrangements should serve both the professional career of the individual candidate and the development of the Egyptian universities and society.

Advantages of the Channel-System

The joint supervision of doctorate research widens the scale of Egyptian - German scientific cooperation and strengthens the Ph.D. programs at Egyptian universities.

- By keeping the candidate’s work closely connected with and integrated into their home universities, reintegration problems or “brain drain” can be avoided or at least minimized.
- Research projects can be tailored to the actual scientific, technical and economic needs of the Egyptian society.
- The advantages and disadvantages of the university and research system in both countries can be compared and used to the benefit of both sides.
- The time period necessary to obtain the Ph.D. degree can be shortened as the problems connected with the adequate recognition of degrees will be limited.
- The involvement into and experience with a different culture is still guaranteed.

Procedure

1. Upon identification of the appropriate German and Egyptian supervisor (professor at any Egyptian or German university), both sides work out a detailed plan of research for the candidate’s dissertation. For this purpose, the German professor may visit his Egyptian counterpart and the candidate at their home university.
2. The doctoral research in Germany must concentrate on topics relevant for the development of Egypt.
3. The candidate registers for the Channel-Program at any Egyptian university, then applies for the GERLS-scholarship through the regular procedure and enrolls in a German language course in Egypt.

4. The stay and research work in Germany may last one to two years. During the candidate's stay in Germany, the Egyptian supervisor may visit his German counterpart and the candidate at the German university. Such visit could take place immediately after getting the approval by the selection committee for extending the scholarship for another year and at least 6 months prior to the end of the scholarship duration.
5. Upon completion of the research work in Germany, the candidate returns to Egypt in order to complete the dissertation and take his final examination. The German supervisor may participate in the final examinations.
6. The field studies may be completed after finishing the scholarship according to the agreement between both supervisors. This approval by the supervisors, however, needs to be obtained before the final selection takes place and the relevant document should be submitted to the selection committee.

Please Note: Within the Channel program, field studies during the time of the scholarship will not be financed.

Requirements

In addition to general requirements stated in the GERLS general information sheet, doctorate candidates for a GERLS-scholarship within the framework of the Channel-System must submit additional following documents:

- Proof of your PhD registration at the home university/Institution
- Acceptance letter by an Egyptian supervisor and his contact details including address, telephone, mobile and email address
- Proof of communication between the two supervisors in Egypt and in Germany
- Proof of opening a scientific channel *فتح قناة علمية* at the home university

In connection with the scholarship, GERLS program provides financial assistance (living expenses) for the Egyptian supervisor to visit Germany, and a lump sum for international travel expenses (flight) for the German supervisor to visit Egypt (to participate in the PhD examination in Egypt following up the scholarship).



The Egyptian supervisor is expected to report on the visit according to the guiding points, which will be stated in the DAAD invitation letter.

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