„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“

Call for Scholarship Applications 2019
at West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI)

Funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Application Closing Date: 25th October 2018 for PhD candidates and 19th January 2019 for Master candidates.
The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Sub-Saharan Africa with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development. To this end, scholarships are granted for development-related Master or doctoral studies for individuals who plan to pursue a career in teaching and/or research at a higher education institution in Sub-Saharan Africa. By training future academic and professional leaders, the programme contributes to the following long-term impacts:

- Qualified professionals’ involvement in the solution of development-related problems in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Graduates strengthening education and research in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Structural strengthening and regional networking of partner institutions and partner universities

To achieve these long term impacts, the following outcomes have been formulated as programme objectives:

**Programme objective 1:** Graduates have qualified to take over responsible positions in their, or for their, region of origin

**Programme objective 2:** The participation of women and underprivileged groups is reinforced

**Programme objective 3:** Organizational, financial and personal capacities of partner institutions are strengthened

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“, DAAD offers scholarships for PhD and Master studies. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

The target group for scholarships are graduates and postgraduates from Sub-Saharan Africa with a first academic degree if applying for a Master’s programme, or with a Master’s degree if applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue Master’s or PhD courses in their home country (so called In-Country scholarships) or in another Sub-Saharan Africa country (In-Region scholarships).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI), University of Ghana by offering up to 2 In-Country and 5 In-Region scholarships for PhD and up to 2 In-Country and 5 In-Region scholarships for Master studies at WACCI for the intake 2019.

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**Application requirements**

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree (Master candidates) or a two-year university degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (second class upper division)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent residents of a Sub-Saharan African country
- should generally be a) staff member of a public or private university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from
Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

PhD-scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted. Master-scholarships are granted for generally two years. Scholars also need to demonstrate satisfactory progress after one year. All further information will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development. The scholarships at WACCI are available in the following fields:

- Plant Breeding (PhD)
- Seed Science and Technology (Master)

Place of tenure

WACCI – West African Centre for Crop Improvement, University of Ghana, School of Agriculture, College of Basic and Applied Sciences, PMB 30, Legon, Accra, Ghana.

The duration

- of the PhD programme is generally up to four years
- of the Master programme is generally two years

generally starting in February 2019 (PhD) and August 2019 (Master).

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps.

First step:
Applicants must apply for their studies at WACCI using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. WACCI has set its own deadlines.

WACCI will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and short-list the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will also be availed to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain preferably triple (at least double) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Second step:
Pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal and register themselves and submit an DAAD application.

1. Register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered): https://portal.daad.de, Deadline: 15.11.2018 (PhD), 21.02.2019 (Master)

2. Apply online via the DAAD-Portal under the tab “Personal Funding”/ “Application”
Documents to be submitted:

- DAAD application form duly filled (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at [http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu)), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- Recommendation letter by university lecturers (Master 1, PhD 2)
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see “Additional benefits")
- Copy of the passport or national identity card

PhD candidates have to submit the following additional documents:

- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including detailed work and time table (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see “Additional benefits”)
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)

Closing date for the submission of DAAD scholarship applications is 25th October 2018 for PhD candidates and 19th January 2019 for Master candidates.

The scholarship covers:

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*During the field study period within the 2nd and 3rd year of PhD studies, the lower In-Country rate is payed.
The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder’s banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for a research stay in Germany for 3 up to 6 months. Please note: The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.

The short-term research scholarship includes:
- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs which amounts to 1,200 (PhD students) and 850 (Master students) EUR per month
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

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