

„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ Ghana

Call for Scholarship Applications 2021 at West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI)

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

**Application Closing Date at DAAD (for pre-selected candidates only):
10th of February 2021**



Programme Objectives

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 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 from Sub-Saharan Africa with a first academic degree if applying for a Master's programme, who want to pursue Master's courses, either

- in their home country

(In-Country scholarships are aimed at students who study in their home country or in the country for which they have a residence permit.)

- or -

- in another Sub-Saharan African country

(In-Region scholarships are aimed at students who want to participate in a study programme in a country of their home region (here: Sub-Saharan Africa /outside their home country).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) by offering up to 3 In-Country and 6 In-Region scholarships for Master studies at the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) for the intake 2021

The awarding of scholarships will be subject to the provision of funds.

Application requirements

Applicants

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree (Master candidates) (at least: Second Class/Upper Division)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have generally completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent resident of a Sub-Saharan country
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector and/or d) Alumni of the DAFI-programme

Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

Scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to a maximum of the regular period of study upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

Eligible fields

The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development.

The scholarships at the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) are available in the following fields:

- *Master Seed Science and Technology*

Place of tenure

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

Duration and Commencement

The duration of the Master programme is generally 2 years and is usually starting in August 2021.

Please note that the maximum duration of the scholarship is based on the time that is left until the scholarship holder has reached the regular period of studies in that programme; i.e., if you apply for a DAAD scholarship starting in your second year of studies of a two-year programme, the maximum duration of the scholarship will be one year.

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps. Please be aware of the two application deadlines.

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. The West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) **has set its own deadlines.**

Additionally, once you submit your application to West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI), please send a short notification to DAAD that you have

applied with the subject "Your Surname_First name_WACCI" to the email address of the DAAD contact person given below.

In some countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, a document from the Qualifications Authority must be submitted for admission to the universities (e.g. from SAQA in South Africa). Please note that the application for these documents may take long and that it is the applicant's responsibility to get informed at an early stage in order to receive the documents from the respective authorities in time.

The West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (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 available 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:

The West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) will provide the shortlisted candidates with the link to the DAAD-Portal. Only the pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit an DAAD application. **DAAD Deadline: 10th February 2021.**

Documents to be submitted (in English):

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- Recommendation letter by university teachers (Master 1)
- Letter of admission for the host institution
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation and a timetable (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Copy of the passport
- If applicable, information on the UNHCR registration as refugee

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition Fees*	annually	<i>Master In-Country:</i> 1st year: 2.500 USD 2nd year: 4.900 USD <i>Master In-Region:</i> 1st year: 5.417 USD 2nd year: 9.301 USD
Study and research allowance	annually	460 EUR
Printing allowance	once at the end	400 EUR

Item	Payment	Amount
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	300 EUR (In-Country) 450 EUR (In-Region)
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	twice (beginning/ end of scholarship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award</i>
Insurance (In-Region only)	each year	800 USD

*Please note that in some cases not all fees and costs that are mentioned on the official fee structure of the host institution can be covered by DAAD in full, e.g. if the agreement with the funding organization prevents us from funding certain items in the fee structure or if items that are included in the fees are supposed to be covered through the individual scholarship benefits.

The scholarship (except tuition fees and insurance) will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme on the Letter of Award.

Additional benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also

- a) 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
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

- b) invited to apply for different Summer Schools in Germany (four weeks)

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

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