

In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme Ghana

Call for Scholarship Applications 2021 at West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) – PhD studies

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

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contract between the host institution and DAAD*

**Application Closing Date at DAAD (for pre-selected candidates only):
June 2, 2020**



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 PhD 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 postgraduates from Sub-Saharan Africa with a Master's degree applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue PhD courses. **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). **In-Country Scholarships** are aimed at students who study in their home country or in the country for which they have a residence permit.

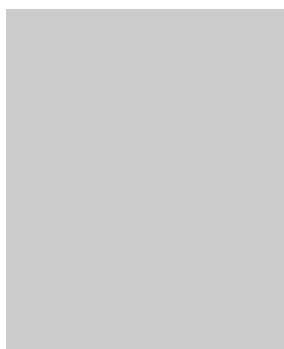
It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) by offering up to 3 In-Country and 6 In-Region scholarships for PhD studies at West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) for the intake 2021.

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Application requirements

Applicants

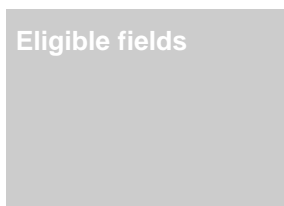
- have successfully completed generally a two-year university degree above average results (at least: Second Class/Upper division)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have generally completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application



- must be nationals or permanent resident of a Sub-Saharan African 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, 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.

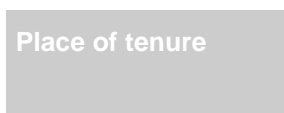


Eligible fields

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

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

- Plant Breeding



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



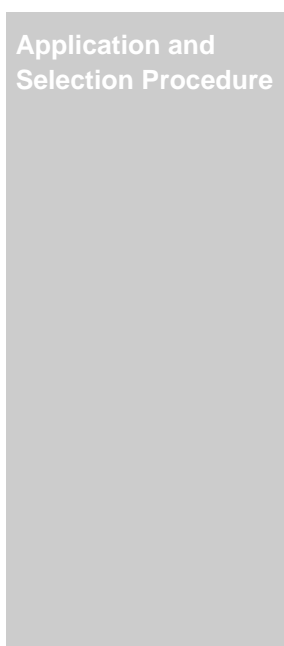
Duration and Commencement

The duration

- of the PhD programme is generally four years

generally **starting in February 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 three-year programme, the maximum duration of the scholarship will be two years.



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 West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. **West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) has set its own deadlines.**

West African 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:

West African 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 a DAAD application. **DAAD Deadline: June 2, 2020 only for PhD candidates**

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).
- Two Recommendation letters by university teachers
- Letter of admission for the host university
- 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
- if applicable, information on the UNHCR registration as refugee
- 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)

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition fees*	annually	First year: 7,399 USD Second year: 10,200 USD Third year: 10,200 USD Fourth year: 5,700 USD*
Study and research allowance	annually	920 EUR (PhD)
Printing allowance	once at the end	800 EUR (PhD)
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	500 EUR (PhD In-Country) 550 EUR (PhD 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>
Health insurance (In-Region only)	annually	If applicable <i>Further information regarding the health insurance will be specified in the letter of award</i>

* Please note it is possible that some fees that are included in the official fee structure of the host institution might not be eligible for funding within this programme, either because part of the DAAD stipends and allowances are expected to cover these expenses, or because other restrictions prevent DAAD from financing the items within this programme (e.g.: Laundry Fee or Activity Fee). Therefore, DAAD reserves the right to exclude these items from the payments and only covers the amount of fees that is mentioned above.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

The DAAD will endeavor to transfer/pay out the first payments as quickly as possible after the scholarship holder has arrived at the host institution. Nevertheless, it is recommended to bring a financial reserve for the first time period.

Additional benefits/information

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
- 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.

Please note that all short-listed applicants will be asked to participate in a multi-wave monitoring survey to gather data on different academic and career development aspects. Participation is voluntary.

Contact and advice

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Further information

Website of the In-Country/In-Region programme:
<https://www.daad.de/incountry-inregion>

