

„In-Country / In-Region Scholarship Programme“

Call for Scholarship Applications for 2020 at African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)

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

Application Closing Dates:

Application Closing Date at host institution: 31 January 2020

**Application Closing Date at DAAD Portal (for pre-selected
candidates only): 15 April 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 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-Sahara African country (so called **In-Region scholarships**).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with AERC by offering up to 6 **In-Country/In-Region scholarships** for PhD studies at **AERC member universities** for the intake 2020.

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) or a two-year university degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (at least: 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 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.

PhD-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 AERC are available in the following field:

- **PhD in Agriculture Economics**

Place of tenure

AERC Member Universities in Eastern Africa: Makerere University (Uganda), Sokoine University of Agricultural Sciences (Tanzania), Egerton University & University of Nairobi (Kenya), Haramaya University (Ethiopia)

Duration and Commencement

The duration

- of the PhD programme is generally **three years** (regular period of studies)
- generally starting either in **September** depending on the institution's start date.

Please note

- that the maximum duration of the scholarship will be calculated based on how much time is left until you have reached the regular period of studies in that programme; i.e., if you apply for a DAAD scholarship starting at the beginning in your second year of studies of a three-year programme, the maximum duration of the scholarship will be two years.
- Fees will not be covered proportionally

Application and Selection Procedure

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

Applicants must apply for their studies at AERC using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. Additionally, once you submit your application to AERC, please **send a short notification to DAAD** that you have applied with the subject "**Your Surname_First name_AERC**" to applications@daadafrica.org

Formal check

AERC will screen and check the completeness of the dossier. A plagiarism scan will be done by the institution or DAAD.

Selection Committee

A joint selection with a committee of institution members, other partners and a DAAD representative will be set up to review the shortlisted applications and to do the final selection of scholarship holders. The shortlisted candidates will be invited to log into the DAAD Portal and apply for the DAAD scholarship.

DAAD deadline: 15 April 2020

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>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- 2 recommendation letters by university teachers
- Letter of admission for the host university / institution / network
- 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 identity card
- If available, information on the recognition of the university degree certificates in the host country¹
- If applicable, information on the UNHCR registration as refugee
- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal (10-15 pages), 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)
- Additionally, a word format of the proposal (10-15 pages) has to be submitted to the institution for plagiarism check.

¹ See Annex for a list of bodies responsible for recognition of university degree.

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Amount	Payment
Fees*	The regularly charged amount	Once a year
Study and research allowance	920.00 EUR	annually
Printing allowance	800.00 EUR	once at the end
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	PhD In-Country: 310.00 EUR PhD In-Region: 480.00 EUR	monthly
Travel allowance (In-Region scholarship holders only)	The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award	twice (beginning/end of scholarship)
Health Insurance (In-Region scholarship holders only)	Will be administered by DAAD regional office for Africa	

* 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 monthly scholarship.

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 on the Admission Letter.

Additional benefits

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

a) encouraged to apply for a **research grant 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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