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What is the DAAD?



The DAAD spans the globe from its central office in Bonn, Germany, with a worldwide network of about 500 lecturers and 65 branch offices and Information Centres.

The **DAAD** (German Academic Exchange Service) is one of the world's largest and most respected intermediary organisations in the field of international academic cooperation. In recent years about 70 000 students, academics and researchers were able to gain valuable experience abroad with DAAD support each year. This amounts to more than 1.7 million since 1950. The DAAD acts as an agent of the foreign cultural and education, development and national higher education policies of the Federal Republic of Germany.

DAAD's activities include

- Funding foreign academic elites through scholarships and grants for study and research in Germany or their home countries / regions, as well as supporting Germans to gain academic experience abroad;
- Supporting the further internationalisation of higher education and research in Germany;
- Promoting international cooperation between higher education and research institutions world-wide, e.g. between German, South African and regional partners;

- Supporting capacity building and institutional advancement in the academic systems of developing countries, e.g. through scholarships and networks in Sub-Saharan Africa and other regions;
- Promoting German language, literature and area studies at selected universities around the world.

DAAD in South Africa

The DAAD Information Centre Johannesburg is one of 4 DAAD offices situated in Sub-Saharan Africa. Based at the University of the Witwatersrand, it has a nationwide mandate for the Republic of South Africa. The IC provides information and counselling to South African institutions, academics and students, and coordinates a variety of projects and programmes in all fields of higher education and research cooperation between South Africa and Germany.

What we do

- Advice on studying and research in Germany, as well as DAAD funding opportunities;
- Cooperating with South African universities and academics;
- Cooperating with higher education policy makers such as the NRF, the DST and the DHET and higher education and research bodies;
- Cooperating with German institutions in South Africa such as the German Embassy, the Goethe Institute, and the German development cooperation;
- Taking part in, and organising higher education and research related conferences and events.





Higher education & research in Germany

Higher Education & Research in Germany

With more than 400 institutions offering thousands of degree courses, Germany boasts one of the best and most diversified education systems in the world. Why not join the over 250 000 international students in Germany to experience:

- State-of-the-art facilities;
- Low or even no university tuition fees;
- Highly qualified staff;
- Leading researchers;
- Internationally recognised, top quality degree programmes.

Degrees in Germany

The three layered German degree system consists of Bachelor, Master and Doctorate. A Bachelor degree is usually accomplished after three or four years and the Master after one or most often two years. The degree system varies in medical and some arts disciplines. In some subject areas such as legal and educational, degrees require a state examination. Doctoral degrees can be attained either by individual doctoral projects supervised by a university professor, or in hundreds of structured PhD programmes or graduate schools where a team of supervisors are responsible for advising doctoral candidates.

Types of higher education institutions

Universities

Public universities put strong emphasis on the combination of teaching and research. They offer courses in virtually all subject areas and often have a long-standing tradition, impressive libraries and excellent research facilities. However, some universities specialise in specific fields such as the Technische Universität (Technical University), the Medizinische Hochschule (Medical School), the Sporthochschule (Sport University), and the Hochschule für Politik (University of Politics).

Universities of applied sciences

Universities of applied sciences are decisively praxis-orientated. These institutions provide students with a scientifically based education, tailored to the demands of professional life. The degree programmes generally include internships and practical modules. This enables students to apply their knowledge on the job at companies and businesses.

Colleges of art, music and film

These colleges offer courses in the Fine Arts, Industrial and Fashion Design, Graphic Arts, Instrumental Music, Voice, Acting etc. Colleges of modern media train students to become directors, camera operators, screenwriters, technicians and producers for film and television. To be eligible for such a programme, candidates must possess a high degree of artistic talent which they are asked to demonstrate through an entrance exam. Therefore, you can expect special admission requirements if you wish to apply to a college of art, film or music.

Private universities

There are now more than 100 private universities and colleges which confer officially recognised degrees. A majority of these are universities of applied sciences. Most students in Germany are enrolled at public universities. Only three percent of all students attend a private institution, perhaps due to the fact that, unlike public institutions, private colleges and universities tend to charge high tuition fees. The quality of instruction at both types of universities is comparably high.

Ranking

Germany has a very diverse landscape of higher education institutions. You can find excellent programmes at small universities or universities of applied sciences. If you are interested in the reputation and evaluation of a programme, faculty or university, take a look at the website: www.university-ranking.de. The ways of finding your university can be very different. The university ranking offers a set of differentiated assessment criteria for each subject area which applicants can consider according to their own priorities.

Autonomy

University education in Germany is under the legislative authority of the 16 federal states and is thus not centrally steered. German universities are largely self-regulatory, which means that not all rules apply to every university. Therefore, always enquire about the particular regulations at the university of your choice.



Orientation and admission

Course search and application procedure

Academic entry requirements

As mentioned previously, each institution of higher education in Germany is self-regulated and thus has its own, individual entry requirements. As a formal requirement, South African school leavers must either have the German Abitur, available at the German International Schools in South Africa, or the South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) for entry into a German university. Within the NSC, applicants must have accomplished 7 subjects including Mathematics, 2 languages, Life Orientation and 3 further subjects among which one must be a Natural Science. Applicants may still be subject to passing an entrance exam or obliged to participate in a foundation / preparatory course (Studienkolleg): www.study-in.de/en/study/preparatory-introductory-courses. Students who have already been enrolled with a South African university prior to applying for admission to courses in Germany need to enquire with the German institution to what extent their previous credits are acknowledged.

Language requirements

If you are going to enroll in an English-language degree programme, you generally require no knowledge of German. However, you must have a good level of proficiency in English. For degree programmes taught in German, you will need a particularly high proficiency in German for the social sciences compared to the natural sciences.

When you apply for a degree programme at a German university, you will have to submit certificates confirming your German proficiency. The best route is to contact the International Office at your future university in Germany and ask for more information. Generally, you can demonstrate your proficiency in the German language with the following certificates:

- Abitur from a German International School
- TestDaF Level 4 (end of B2 or C1)
- Kleines/Grosses Deutsches Sprachdiplom, Goethe-Institut
- Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung, Goethe-Institut
- Deutsches Sprachdiplom (Stufe 2) from the Kultusministerkonferenz
- DSH Level 2 (end of B2 or C1)

The Test of German as a Foreign Language (TestDaF) was developed for the testing of the German language skills of prospective students. TestDaF is offered by the Goethe-Institut Johannesburg and the Goethe-Zentrum Cape Town, as well as numerous test centres in Germany and worldwide.

Application procedure

Prior to applying for a university degree course, it is crucial for you to consider your choice of subjects and particular courses thoroughly. As a rough guideline, the following steps towards your course selection are recommended:

- Visit the DAAD course search: www.study-in.de/en;
- Make use of the university ranking: www.university-ranking.de to help you decide
- Visit the website of the course and university of your choice
- Contact the university directly to find out about the admission requirements

All international students who wish to study subjects with no centrally restricted admission policy should apply either directly to the International Office or the Student Administration Office at the university where they wish to study or through uni-assist, if you wish to begin your studies in the winter semester (October) the submission period is usually from the beginning of June to 15th July. If you prefer to start your studies in the Summer semester (April) the submission period is usually from the beginning of December to 15th January. Submission deadlines may vary at some universities, be sure to ask about the exact dates in advance.

Visa requirements

International students from a third country must – with a few exceptions – obtain a visa for entry into Germany. They can get this visa from the relevant German mission abroad. Basically, the process differentiates between two types of visas. The Schengen Visa is issued for a short stay (for example, tourism, participation in a summer language course) of up to three months per half-yearly period. Beware: Holders of a Schengen Visa must leave the country again after three months at the latest. This means the Schengen Visa is not a suitable instrument if you wish to study, do a doctorate or complete a research stay in Germany. A national visa is issued for stays lasting longer than 3 months.

TestAS

TestAS is a central standardised aptitude test for foreign students. TestAS gives prospective students information about their individual ranking compared to other applicants. With good results, they can improve their chances of being admitted for studies at a German university and thereafter of successfully accomplishing their courses: www.testas.de



Living in Germany

Tuition fees and cost of living

Compared to other European countries, Germany is not overly expensive. The price of food, accommodation, clothing, cultural activities, etc. is equivalent to the EU average. Most universities are state funded and charge no fees or only very moderate tuition fees, about 500 Euros per semester. Additionally, there is a semester contribution of approx. 200 Euros. It covers the semester ticket for public transportation, administrative costs, sports, cultural events, and subsidisation of the cafeteria. At PhD level, there are generally no fees at all, except for the semester contribution. However, note that the costs for private universities can be considerably higher.

Living costs

The monthly amount of money an international student needs is currently approx. 700 Euros. Prices tend to differ not only in the big cities but all across Germany. While life and study in Munich is rather expensive, staying in an East German city such as Leipzig for example can be much cheaper. Cost of living is also influenced by the type of accommodation you choose. In Germany, students either live in residence, share an apartment with other students, or rent an apartment privately.

Halls of residence (Studentenwohnheim)

There are several student halls of residence in every university town. Rooms in students halls of residence are the most economical forms of accommodation. International students can ask for help at the Student Services (Studentenwerk). They offer a Service Set for international students which, besides accommodation and meals, may also include health insurance.

Shared apartment (Wohngemeinschaft)

Another option is to share an apartment with other people. It may be a little bit more costly than a room in a residence, but still very common and a popular choice. Depending on the city, the average rent costs between 150 and 350 Euros for a room in a shared apartment.

Private renting

Students who prefer to live on their own can search for a one-bedroom or a bachelor apartment close to the campus. This option can be more expensive. Monthly rent starts at 350 Euros and up. Advertisements for accommodation can usually be found in the local papers (Saturday edition), the bulletin board at the university, or the Internet.

If you do not have any luck finding accommodation in Germany before you arrive, then you will need a place to stay for the first few nights, the International Office can help you with this as well.

*Please find links for accommodation searches on: www.study-in.de/en and www.daad.de/deutschland/en

Finding a job

Many international students in Germany earn extra money with a part-time job. You are allowed to work a maximum of 720 hours, meaning 90 full days per year. Please note that a part-time job can supplement your budget, but it certainly won't finance all of your living expenses.

University jobs are a good way to earn money and gain academic experience. Students can work as "Hiwis" assisting professors or as tutors helping students revise the material taught in lectures. Student jobs are also available at other university facilities such as libraries, dining halls and cafeterias.

There are also many job opportunities outside the university, such as waiting tables at pubs and restaurants; babysitting; working in supermarkets etc.

One of the first places you should look at is the job-finding service. This special service for students is offered by the Studentenwerk in cooperation with the Federal Employment Agency. You can find the address of the local branch of the Federal Employment Agency at www.arbeitsagentur.de

*Tip: Students are eligible for numerous price concessions. With your student ID, you can receive concessions on tickets and entrance fees to theatres, opera houses, cinemas, museums, public swimming pools and other cultural venues.



Student life in Germany

Location

Germany lies in the centre of Europe and the population is the largest in the European Union. The largest German cities are Berlin, Hamburg and Munich. Metropolitan cities are not the only places worth visiting. Regardless of size, university towns throughout Germany possess a rich history which is often reflected in their architecture. The landscapes of Germany are diverse and beautiful. On the North and Baltic Seas there are island chains with long sand dune beaches, in the low mountains of central Germany medieval castles are situated along forested valleys. In the south, the Alps with their sparkling lakes rise above the lowlands.

*The German cities where most international students choose to live and study are presented in detail at www.study-in.de/towns

Culture

There are many sides to cultural life in Germany: From North to South there are around 300 theaters and 130 professional orchestras. The museum world is of quite unparalleled quality – featuring 630 art museums with diverse internationally renowned collections. Young German painting is equally vibrant, and is long since part of the international scene. And Germany is one of the major book nations, with around 94,000 new books and re-editions each year. The 350 dailies and thousands of magazines go to show how lively the German media world is. Moreover, German films are once again a great success at home and abroad.

Modern life

Great cuisine and fine wines, relaxing in Mother Nature, festivals and celebrations, vacation, design and fashion, inspiring architecture. Germany has plenty of all to offer – and is far removed from all the clichés that might still abound about lederhosen and sauerkraut. But then the numerous visitors from abroad who are increasingly discovering that Germany is an interesting vacation destination already know this. Not just because of the wealth of German cultural and historical sights, but also because of the wide-ranging regional cuisine and the changing landscapes. In fact, although the Germans are the undisputed world champions when it comes to foreign travel, they still prefer to holiday between the North Sea and the Alps.

More information: www.facts-about-germany.de

My time in Germany

Pamela Dube

- 1990 – 1992
MA, Anglistik, University of Siegen
- - 1993 – 1996
PhD, Anglistik, University of Siegen



International academic exposure

My studies in Germany through the DAAD support afforded me valuable international study experience. I definitely had a major fulfilling exposure and access to the high quality academic standards and state of the art facilities that Germany remains revered for. Being the largest economy in the heart of Europe, Germany provides a rich holistic international study experience. I benefitted immensely from the broad scope of intellectual and cultural activities Germany always has on offer as well as from the inter-cultural and academic networks within the country and beyond as I made utmost use of the opportunities to travel to other European cities. In addition, my acquired proficiency in the German language has not only enriched my academic network base, or my access to the wealth of German language heritage as expressed in the cultural, social and economic ethos of the country, but also won me valuable everlasting friendships.

Career impact and development

The value of the international education exposure and experience I have had is reflected in the kind of the responsibilities and positions I have held in my career which all have aspects of advancement through international collaborations. I have been instrumental across all my roles in government, research councils and higher education institutions in fostering and promoting international cooperation and partnerships in research, capacity building and exchange of shared expertise. My Germany Alma Mater, the University of Siegen has also played a major role in this. As cliché as it may be, I believe, the high regard for quality of German academic standards as well as of the country's work ethos has more often than not also stood me in good stead to access the kind of job opportunities I have had.



Merushka Peterson

- 2009 - 2011 International Business Economics, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

Guten Tag! My name is Merushka Peterson and I have been a student at the Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU) for the past two years in Halle an der Saale; a real student city, which is the largest city in the state of Saxony-Anhalt and its early history is connected with the harvesting of salt.

Initially, I started the Nutritional Sciences Bachelor's degree which awakened my passion for Economics and in turn, resulted in my studying International Business Economics. Thus far, my experience has been both challenging but also very eventful. Coming from the "Rainbow Nation" where my fellow South Africans are much more extroverted, it took some time to build good friendships. On campus, you cannot help but to feel the buzz floating around, some rushing off to class, others chatting away, and some sitting on the nearest steps reading some schoolwork. A great atmosphere indeed! Just like all German Universities, the MLU is also a university which puts emphasis on quality and is always advancing in the latest research and technology which guarantees the best education.

Of course students need a break too and Halle offers a variety of possibilities to relax, explore the nightlife and to experience the rich German culture; whether it be visiting the biggest chocolate factory in the whole of Germany, enjoying drinks along the "Kleine Ulrichstrasse" which is the longest street filled with bars and restaurants, or strolling along the river Saale and setting up your own little barbeque right there in the middle of a huge green open space and picnicking.

Being so far away from home has enabled me to be independent, to grow as a person, to treat both the challenges and fun times with equal grace and it reminds me everyday why it is important to look at the world with open eyes. It is the best thing that has happened to me.



Ammiel Bushakevitz

- 2009 - 2011 University of Music and Theatre "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy" Leipzig

Thanks to a DAAD Scholarship for Artists which I received in 2009, my outlook on life has changed significantly. When growing up in George, South Africa, my dream was always to study music in Germany. As a classical pianist, Germany is probably the best country to be in – not only from a career perspective, but also for the cultural benefits the country has to offer. I was fortunate enough to be able to study in Leipzig, a city rich in musical heritage and home to Bach, Mendelssohn and Schumann. The scholarship from the DAAD opened many doors for me and the DAAD has been a wonderful mentoring institution – always willing to assist, even now when I am an alumnus of the institute. The DAAD has a sterling reputation in Europe and having been a recipient of a scholarship from the institute opens many career doors both in and out of Germany. Without any reserve and with full confidence, I recommend the DAAD to anybody considering overseas study.



Scholarships and funding opportunities

Selected DAAD Programmes

The DAAD runs more than 200 programmes of individual and institutional support to individuals and institutions in the field of international higher education and research co-operation worldwide, including some of virtually worldwide outreach and others tailor made to the referring region or country. Some 25 programmes are offered to partners in South Africa. Please note that the entries below reflect the array of programmes available at the time of the compilation of this brochure, and that all information is subject to change. This applies in particular to application deadlines and other procedural details as below. For updated information, refer to the country specific information for DAAD scholarships in South Africa on www.daad.de. Further, please refer to the website of the DAAD Information Centre Johannesburg www.ic.daad.de/johannesburg or contact our office for details: daad@wits.ac.za

Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates and Young Academics and Scientists

Research grants provide young foreign academics and scientists with an opportunity to carry out a research project or a course of continuing education and training at a German state or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute. Research grants can be used to carry out:

- research projects at a German higher education institution for the purpose of gaining a doctorate in the home country
- research projects at a German university for the purpose of gaining a doctorate in Germany
- research projects or continuing education and training, but without aiming for a formal degree/qualification

Grants can be paid generally for one to ten months, in the case of full doctoral programmes in Germany for up to three years, and in exceptions for up to a maximum of four years. Applications for DAAD research grants are open to excellently-qualified university graduates who hold a Master's degree or equivalent at the time they commence the grant-supported research.

Besides previous study achievements, the most important selection criterion is a convincing and well-planned research or continuing education and training project to be completed during the stay in Germany which has been coordinated and agreed with an academic supervisor at the chosen German host institute.

Application deadline: 15 October each year.

Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates within the Sandwich Model

Within the Sandwich Scheme, PhD students carry out their research and studies alternately in their home country and in Germany, following a schedule set in advance and under continuous supervision by a German academic. The doctorate is obtained at the homeland university.

The main characteristic of this Sandwich Scheme is the individually tailor-made PhD programme schedule set with the greatest flexibility possible regarding the beginning and duration of each individual funding phase. Eligibility, application forms and documents for this programme are the same as for research grants for doctoral candidates and young academics and scientists. The extensive and detailed research proposal must be accompanied by a work- and time schedule agreed upon by the academic advisors, both in the home country and in Germany.

Application deadline: 15 October each year.

Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

These grants and scholarships aim to provide foreign academics and scientists working in higher education or at research institutes with an opportunity to carry out a research project at a state or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute in Germany. Depending on the applicant's work schedule, the research stay will last between one and three months.

Applications for DAAD research stays are open to excellently-qualified academics and scientists who should generally hold a doctorate. All applicants must be working in higher education or at a research institute in their home country.

Application deadlines:

- 1 October for stays as of February of the following year,
- 1 April for stays as of August.

Scholarships for Artists and Architects

These scholarships aim to provide applicants from the field of Fine Art, Design, Film, Music, Architecture and Performing Arts with an opportunity to complete a course of extension studies, without gaining a formal degree or qualification, or to complete a post-graduate or Master's degree course at a German state or state-recognised higher education institution. Applicants must have completed their studies in their home country – as far as possible – with a corresponding final degree. If the degree cannot be gained in the home country, their education and training opportunities in the home country must have been exhausted. Application deadline: 15 October each year.

DAAD-NRF In-Country scholarship

As part of the "In-Country Scholarship Programme", in which more than two dozen African universities and university networks participate and which annually supports hundreds of African postgraduates, DAAD in partnership with the National Research Foundation (NRF) offers scholarships for postgraduate studies at South African universities. The programme is co-funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the NRF. The scholarship is aimed at university staff development in the first instance, without neglecting other sector demands for academically trained personnel.

The programme addresses candidates who aim at acquiring a master's or doctoral degree at a South African university. Preference is given to young South African or permanent resident university staff members or candidates considered for teaching / research staff recruitment either for their own university or any other institution of higher education in South Africa. Application deadline: August each year.

Short-term research scholarships (2 - 6 months) tenable at a German university (within the DAAD-NRF In-Country Scholarship programme)

DAAD-NRF In-Country scholarship-holders, in particular PhD candidates, may apply for a short-term research fellowship (duration 2-6 months). The applicant will have to present a current invitation by a German professor who is willing to supervise the research during the envisaged stay in Germany, as well as a convincing letter of motivation and a clearly defined time schedule for the research stay. Applications should reach the DAAD head office in Bonn 3 months prior to your intended visit to Germany. Please submit your application via the DAAD South Africa in hard-copy, as well as electronically.

Scholarships for Post-Graduate Studies at African Centers of Excellence or Scientific Networks

The programme aims at university staff development in the first line without neglecting other public sector demand for academically trained personnel. Consequently, preference is given to young university staff members or candidates considered for teaching/research staff recruitment. Applications from female candidates are encouraged.

These scholarships address postgraduate students from a Sub-Saharan African country who want to pursue their degree at an African university or centre outside their home country.

Networks

ANSTI/Kenya:	African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions
ICIPE/Kenya:	International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
NAPRECA/Kenya:	Natural Products Research Network for Eastern and Central Africa
CERAAS/Senegal:	Centre d'Etudes Régional pour l'Amélioration de l'Adaptation à la Sécheresse
CESPAM/Botswana:	Centre of Specialization in Public Administration and Management
CHR/South Africa:	Centre for Human Rights Law in Africa
CEPACS/Nigeria:	Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies
AIMS/South Africa:	African Institute for Mathematical Sciences
ACMS/South Africa:	African Centre for Migration and Society
IWM/Kenya:	Integrated Watershed Management
AAEEN/Kenya:	African Agricultural Economics Education Network
PTCI/Burkina:	Programme de Troisième Cycle Interuniversitaire
CESAG/Senegal:	Centre Africain d'Etudes Supérieures en Gestion
ILRI/Kenya:	International Livestock Research Institute
IMSP/Benin:	Institut de Mathématiques et de Sciences Physiques
2iE/Burkina:	Institut International d'Ingénieurs de l'Eau et de L'Environnement

Masters in Public Policy and Good Governance

This programme is designed to further qualify future leaders in politics, law, economics and administration according to the principles of Good Governance and to prepare them in a praxis-oriented course for their professional life. The programme offers very good graduates with a first university degree the chance to obtain a Master's degree in disciplines that are of special relevance for the social, political and economic development of their home country. With the knowledge and experience acquired in Germany the scholarship holders should later contribute to the establishment of democratically oriented economic and social systems aimed at overcoming social tensions. In addition, the training at German institutions of higher education should especially qualify the scholarship holders as partners in political and economic cooperation with Germany. With this programme, DAAD intends to contribute to the support of Good Governance and civil society structures in selected partner countries and regions.

Applicants must apply for one of the listed Masters programmes which have been pre-selected by the DAAD.

Application deadline: the complete set of application papers must generally be submitted by 31 July each year.

University Leadership Management Course (UNILEAD)

The English-instructed in-service training programme UNILEAD is offered as a blended learning course in university management for around 20 participants from Africa, Central America, Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

It is intended for junior advisors to university top leadership, (deputy) coordinators of Central University Departments (planning, evaluation, human resources development, budget, continuing education, International offices, technology transfer etc.), task force coordinators for university reform projects, coordinators of staff development units or programmes. The participants have at least two years' career experience and are usually between 30 and 40 years old. Core elements of the course include project management, finance management and human resources management as well as the development of individual reform projects. The course is highly practice-oriented and requires participants to play an active role.

Application deadline varies.

Study visits to Germany / Study Seminars and Practicals in Germany by Groups of Foreign Students

Study Visits / Study Seminars and Practicals in Germany by groups of foreign students headed by a university teacher. The programme aims to:

- provide students with subject-related knowledge by arranging appropriate visits, tours and information meetings (Study Visits) or by organising subject-related seminars and practical courses (e.g. specialist courses, block seminars, workshops) at the invitation of a German university.
- facilitate meetings with German students, academics and researchers to establish and maintain contacts between German and foreign universities
- give students a greater understanding of and insight (regional and area studies) into economic, political and cultural life in Germany.

Study visits, study seminars or practicals should last no less than 7 days. Funding is available for a maximum of 12 days (including travel days), although the visits themselves may last longer. Applications must have been submitted via the DAAD Portal by the following deadlines at the latest:

- * 1 February each year for trips starting from 1 June
(The DAAD decides in mid-April)
- * 1 May each year for trips starting from 1 September
(The DAAD decides in mid-July).
- * 1 November each year for trips starting from 1 March
(The DAAD decides in mid-January)

Subject-related partnerships with universities in developing countries

With financial means by the German Ministry of Development Co-operation (BMZ), this programme aims at the further advancement of existing institutional partnerships between universities in Germany and developing countries. It predominantly aims at improving teaching capacities and quality including curricular development, the establishment of joint modules and mobility funding. Beyond bi-lateral collaboration, the programme furthers the engagement of the German partner institution with regional networks (e.g. Southern and / or Sub-Saharan Africa; trans-continental South-South partnerships). The German partner submits the application to the DAAD via the university's executive management. Applications can be submitted for a maximum of four calendar years and must include all supporting materials.

Further information: www.daad.de/entwicklung

International Study and Training Partnerships (ISAP)

This is a group programme for highly qualified German and foreign students who complete a fully accredited study period of one or two terms within a partnership related to the specific field. Further information: www.daad.de/isap.

Postgraduate Courses for Professionals with Relevance to Developing Countries

The main goal of the postgraduate programmes is promoting the higher qualification of young, employed professionals in fields considered of particular relevance to the development in the home country. This next generation elite are offered the opportunity to acquire an internationally recognized university degree in Germany. When these scholarship holders return to their home countries, ideally back to the same organizations or government agencies, the knowledge that they acquired during the postgraduate course should put them in the position to contribute toward the further development of their countries. The university degree acquired in Germany thereby fills the formal requirement allowing programme participants to move into decision-making positions after the completion of their studies.

Target Group

Young professionals (generally no more than 36 years old) with:

- * a first academic degree and
- * several years of work experience in a governmental ministry, central agency or subordinate authority, in a chamber of commerce and industry, an enterprise or business, or as the employee of an NGO or development cooperation project.

Application deadline: there are various deadlines depending on your chosen course and where you decide to submit your application.

Scholarships for university students reading German Studies

The DAAD offers 1 year scholarships for postgraduate students reading German Studies at South African universities. The scholarships are available at Honours, Masters and PhD level. Applications are made through the German Department.

University Winter Courses offered in Germany for Foreign Students and Graduates

The DAAD offers students and graduates from South Africa and Zimbabwe a grant for an approx. six-week "German Regional Studies Winter Course" in January/February each year. These grants are awarded to enable students to attend German language and area studies courses that are offered by state or state-recognised German higher education institutions and by affiliated language schools. The courses last up to six weeks and are offered in the months of January and February.

Application deadline: 31 August each year..

Germanistische Institutspartnerschaften (GIP)

The GIP programme aims to support the teaching and research capacities of Institutes of German Studies in partner countries and Africa and other parts of the world. In particular, it looks at uplifting young and upcoming academics in German studies to fully represent the subject in teaching and research. It also intends to support the production of young teachers of German as a Foreign Language with a perspective of teaching in local schools and on the curricular development in German language learning and tuition. Measures usually include the funding of mobility schemes for staff and students from the partner institutes and joint research projects.

DAAD DaF Masters at the Ludwig-Maximilian University and Bielefeld University

The DAAD funds Deutsch als Fremdsprache (DaF) Masters programmes at Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich and Bielefeld University. The programme aims at developing professionally trained young German language teachers and the establishment of teaching and research capacities in German as a Foreign Language at South African departments of German Studies. The deadline for both programmes is generally around June each year.

Further information can be found through the following links:

http://www.daf.uni-muenchen.de/studium_lehre/master_daf/int_mast/index.html

<http://www.zfl.uni-bielefeld.de/studium/master-as/daf>

Welcome to Africa

With this BMBF funded programme, the DAAD intends to enable German universities to establish new contacts to African universities, and to further develop existing cooperation as well as academic exchange. One main focus is set on sending German students, graduates and young academics to an African university, e.g. for a study or research stay, project related visits, summer schools and internships. The programme is destined to familiarise young German researchers and academics with Africa related research demands and raise their Africa specific competency. Eligible to apply are German universities, represented by a university professor.

Cross-sectional Programmes

The DAAD, in co-operation with the German Federal Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF), funds scholarship programmes on cross-sectional, theme-related and research orientated multi-national co-operations. In recent years, these included programmes on topics such as Sustainability, Megacities, Biodiversity, or Coastal Zones. Most recently, the DAAD launched the “Sciences Partnership for the Assessment of Complex Earth System Processes” (SPACES) in this context. For a limited term, these programmes offer support to excellent young researchers from selected countries. Depending on the particular programme, this may be in the form of funding for Masters’ degree courses in Germany to post-doctoral research collaboration projects. More dedicated programmes are expected to be launched in the near future and will be announced by the DAAD Information Centre Johannesburg.

PAGEL (Partnerships for the health sector in developing countries)

German higher education institutions in partnership with a higher education institution from a developing country for a cooperation within the health sector can apply.

Fundable measures:

- Measures that target structural enhancement of the university education and further training
- Measures that professionally prepare students at German universities from developing countries for an appropriate assignment in their home country;
- Measures that foster the life long learning of the alumni within subject related networks
- Measures that promote the alumni’s continuous connection with Germany and establish them as multipliers

For further information, please visit: www.daad.de/pagel

Alumni Programmes

Re-Invitations for Former Postgraduate Course Scholarship Holders

The DAAD can invite former foreign scholarship holders of the postgraduate courses (who after the end of the funding period have been employed in their home countries again for at least three years) for a study visit in Germany (for up to three months). Unfortunately, there are such a large number of requests that not all of the applications can be accommodated.

Specialist Literature Programme

Former one-year scholarship holders of all disciplines (as well as former German studies scholarship holders who received support for at least 5 months) from developing countries can apply once a year for specialist literature (books, journals, articles) produced by German publishers to help them advance their academic knowledge and qualifications (max. value of 200 euros per year).

Small Equipment Programme

One-year scholarship holders from developing countries especially those from the fields of engineering, technology and science and from the agricultural and forestry sciences, who received DAAD support for a period of 10 or more months can apply for a grant towards the purchase of small equipment and materials. The application deadline ends 8 weeks before the scholarship period is completed. Applications can be made for the purchase of small equipment and material of direct relevance to projects carried out at the German university. Purchase of the following is absolutely excluded from this programme: Video, photo and office equipment (eg, photocopiers and computers, including software and accessories).

Material Resources Programme

With the Material Resources Programme, you will have the opportunity to obtain equipment and consumables in your home country under strictly defined conditions. With new equipment, you will be able to continue the research work in your institution of the respective developing country, which you started in Germany. This will in turn allow you to provide important impulses in the collaboration with German institutions of higher education. Only scientists from foreign higher education institutions, who have completed part of the study and/or research work in Germany, can submit applications for the funding of scientific equipment and consumables. Applications must relate to a concrete teaching or research project.