

Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP) – Programm zur Förderung internationaler Promovierender in strukturierten Promotionsprogrammen

Guidelines and Information for Applicants from Abroad

I) Submission of applications

Applicants who have been selected for a scholarship by a graduate school that participates in the DAAD Graduate School Scholarship Programme must submit a completed application form with all supporting documents, via the DAAD portal: <https://www.mydaad.de> (Select “Personal Funding” and application form “Graduate School Scholarship Programme”.) Please note that each DAAD scholarship in this programme comprises funding for up to four years.

The following documents have to be submitted along with the application form in German or English:

- an abstract of your proposal (max. 1 page); including the name of the participating graduate school you have been nominated by;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a letter of motivation;
- a schedule of your proposal including information about possible field studies/stays abroad. If you plan a field study/stay abroad, please submit also a short working plan and schedule of the field trip/stay (when, where, what, how long);
- Bachelor **and** Master degree certificates¹ and certificates of annual examinations taken at the home university (transcript of records) including grades and explaining the home university grades’ system (description of grade scale)²;
- documents certifying knowledge of the foreign language required by the graduate school;
- any documents certifying completed practical work (internship etc.);
- a list of publications;
- confirmation of nomination.

Certified copies of all translated documents must be submitted to DAAD only after a letter of award has been received.

Applicants have to inform the graduate school when they have completed their application via the DAAD portal.

Please note that the selection process can take up to two months. Applicants will be informed about the progress and completion of the selection process via the DAAD portal.

II) Language skills

German language skills are generally required, however, the required level depends on the applicant's project and subject field, as well as on the available opportunities for learning German in the applicant's home country. In the natural sciences and engineering disciplines, and where English is spoken at the host institute, proof of good English language skills may be accepted in place of German language skills.

¹ For French speaking countries: License or Maitrise with Assez-Bien along with a DEA/DESS degree or a Master's degree according to the LMD system.

² Please give us a short notice, if your university does not issue a separate certificate for academic degrees.

III) Application Requirements

- At the time when DAAD receives the nomination letter, the last final exam (Master Degree or equivalent) must have taken place no longer than six years ago.
- At the time when DAAD receives the nomination letter, applicants must not have resided in Germany for more than 15 months prior to the nomination.

IV) Value

The scholarship includes:

- a scholarship instalment of currently € 1,200 per month;
- travel allowance;
- payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover;
- a research allowance of currently € 460 per year (for scholarship holders from emerging countries), or € 230 per year (for scholarship holders from industrialized countries);
- under certain circumstances, grant holders may receive the following additional benefits:
 - monthly rent subsidy;
 - monthly allowance for accompanying family members (about € 200 child allowance per child and about € 275 marriage allowance);
- preliminary language course (if desired and possible due to the starting date of the scholarship);
- a material resource and supervision allowance of currently € 1,000 per year, which is paid upon application to the host institution.

V) Contact

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