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DLR-DAAD Research Fellowship Programme • **DAAD**

Overview

Objective

„DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships“ is a programme implemented by the 'German Aerospace Center' (DLR) and the 'German Academic Exchange Service' (DAAD). DLR is Germany´s national research center for aeronautics and space. Its extensive research and development work in Aeronautics, Space, Energy, Transport, Digitalisation and Security is integrated into national and international cooperative ventures. As Germany´s space agency, DLR has been given responsibility for the forward planning and the implementation of the German space program by the German federal government as well as for the international representation of German interests. Approximately 10,000 people plus approx. 550 visiting scientists are employed in DLR´s 55 institutes and facilities at 30 locations in Germany.

Who can apply?

This special programme is intended for highly-qualified foreign graduates, doctoral and postdoctoral students as well as senior scientists. DLR-DAAD Fellowships are defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of visit.

What can be funded?

The current offers are published under DLR-DAAD Fellowships - Current offers [https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/stipendien-finden/dlr-current-offers/] on the homepages of the DAAD and the DLR in the research fields:

- Aeronautics
- Space
- Energy
- Transportation
- Digitalisation
- Security

Please note that within the DLR-DAAD programme, you can apply only for a DLR institute, not for a university or any other institution.

Duration of the funding

- Type A - Graduate Students: 9 months
- Type B - Doctoral Students: 36 months
- Type C - Postdoctoral Students: 6 to 24 months
- Type D - Senior Scientists: 1 to 3 months

Value

- Type A – Graduate Students (Research in Germany): monthly instalment of 934 euros; plus e.g. flat-rate travel allowance, rent subsidy, health insurance, family allowances
- Type B - Doctoral Students (Doctorate in Germany): monthly instalment of 1,760 euros; e.g. flat-rate travel allowance, health insurance, family allowances
- Type C - Postdoctoral Students (Research in Germany): 2,400 euros per month
- Type D - Senior Scientists (Research in Germany): 2,760 euros per month

Further information

For further information see: www.daad.de/dlr [http://www.daad.de/dlr]

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

At the time of their application, applicants for a DLR-DAAD Fellowship must

- not be of German nationality, or must be able to proof that the main place of residence lies outside of Germany for at least six years,
- be able to prove their outstanding study or research achievements in the field of research corresponding to the fellowship offer,
- **Type A:** applicants have completed a first qualifying degree (Bachelor's, Diploma, equivalent) and must be enrolled in a Master's programme at a foreign or German university,
- **Type B:** have completed their studies or research with a university degree not more than six years ago,
- **Type C:** have completed their studies with a doctorate/PhD/Candidate (Russia) not more than two years ago,
- **Type D:** applicants must be working in higher education or at a research institute; positions are open to outstandingly-qualified academics and scientists who should generally hold a doctorate/ Ph.D., additional prerequisites may differ and are stated in the fellowship offers,
- have an excellent knowledge of English; knowledge of German is advantageous.

Application Procedure

Application deadline

If an application deadline exists, it is mentioned in the current offers [https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/stipendien-finden/dlr-current-offers/].
The DLR-DAAD scholarships are awarded with the principle „first come first serve“, therefore fellowship offers may sometimes be allocated to other applicants while your application is still processed.

Application documents

The application procedure occurs online through the DAAD portal. Your referees should send their letters of recommendation by post to the application address.

Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations may be scanned in non-certified form and uploaded to the DAAD portal. DAAD's Head Office in Bonn will only request certified copies of the submitted documents in paper form if a grant is awarded!

Type A

The following documents have to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form;
- Cover page; [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/dlr_cover_page_2022.docx]
- Statement of the reasons for applying for a certain fellowship: Appendix; [https://www2.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/appendix.docx]
- Complete curriculum vitae;
- Abstract of the final Bachelor (or equivalent) thesis;
- Bachelor or similar degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the grant-supported research begins if it is not yet available at the time of application;
- German or English translation of documents submitted in the national language;
- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system;

- Proof of Enrollment for Master's program;
- Proof of English proficiency;
- **Documents to be sent to the DAAD application address by post:**
  One letter of recommendation from a professor of the applicant's home institution. The form of the letter of recommendation has to be generated in the DAAD portal in the section "Request reference" after registration and downloaded. Please send the form by e-mail to your referees and ask for the completed reference form to be sent to the application address in Bonn in a sealed envelope. References are confidential and must not be read by the applicant.
  The letter of recommendation cannot be accepted in digital form and must be sent by your referees by regular mail to the DAAD head office in Bonn. The letters of recommendation must arrive 4 weeks after the application was uploaded in the DAAD portal at the latest, at the application address (see below). Please regard the instructions given on the tab "Submitting an application".

Type B and Type C

The following documents have to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form;
- Cover page; [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/dlr_cover_page_2022.docx]
- Statement of the reasons for applying for a certain fellowship: Appendix; [https://www2.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/appendix.docx]
- Complete curriculum vitae;
- List of publications, if applicable;
- Abstract of the final Master or PhD thesis (max. 3 pages);
- University degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the grant-supported research begins if it is not available at the time of application;
- English language certificate giving evidence of the applicant's Level of proficiency (e.g. TOEFL IBT min. 79, IELTS min. 6.5);
- German or English translation of documents submitted in the national language;
- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading System.
  Applicants are not required to submit any confirmation of academic supervision.
- **Documents to be sent to the DAAD application address by post:**
  Two letters of recommendation, which should be written by senior academics of the applicant´s own choice. The form of the letter of recommendation has to be generated in the DAAD portal in the section "Request reference" after registration and downloaded. Please send the form by e-mail to your referees and ask for the completed reference form to be sent to the application address in Bonn in a sealed envelope. References are confidential and must not be read by the applicant.
  The letters of recommendation cannot be accepted in digital form and must be sent by your referees by regular mail to the DAAD head office in Bonn. The letters of recommendation must arrive 4 weeks after the application was uploaded in the DAAD portal at the latest, at the application address (see below). Please regard the instructions given on the tab „Submitting an application".

Type D

The following documents have to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form;
- Cover page; [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/dlr_cover_page_2022.docx]
- Statement of the reasons for applying for a certain fellowship: Appendix; [https://www2.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/appendix.docx]
- Complete curriculum vitae;
- List of publications.

Important notice for all applicants:
Within the DLR-DAAD programme, you can apply only for a DLR institute, not for a university or any other institution.

By applying for a fellowship within the 'DLR-DAAD Research Fellowhips' Programme you give your consent to the DAAD to forward your documents and your personal details to DLR and its relevant institutions. The DAAD and the DLR will not pass on your details to third parties.

Application location

Please ask the referees to send the references to:

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Section ST43/DLR
Kennedyallee 50
53175 Bonn
Germany

Please note

- The application documents remain with the DAAD. Data relating to applicants is saved by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act and the EU Data Protection Regulation insofar as this data is needed to process the application.
- Please be aware that only complete applications will be accepted. Applicants are responsible for their applications' completeness.

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres

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Please also take note of our important scholarship information [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/].

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