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Study Scholarships - Postgraduate Studies in the Fields of Fine Art, Design, Visual Communication and Film • DAAD

Overview

Objective

This scholarship programme offers you the opportunity to continue your education in Germany with a postgraduate or continuing course of study in the fields Fine Art, Design, Visual Communication and Film. The scholarships also promote the exchange of experience and networking amongst colleagues.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you have gained a first university degree in the fields of Fine Art, Design, Visual Communication and Film at the latest by the time they commence their scholarship-supported study programme.

What can be funded?

In this study programme, you can complete

- a Master's degree course/postgraduate degree course leading to a final qualification
  or
- a complementary course without degree (not an undergraduate course)

at a state or state-recognised German university of your choice.

A Master's degree programme in Germany that has already started at the time of the application deadline cannot be funded.

If you are enrolled in a Master's or postgraduate degree programme which includes a study period abroad, funding for this period abroad is usually only possible under the following conditions:

- The study visit is essential for achievement of the scholarship objective,
- the visit does not take place in the home country,
- and it is no longer than a quarter of the scholarship period. Longer periods cannot be funded, even partially.

Please note: This programme only funds projects in the artistic and creative area. Other DAAD scholarship programmes are available for applicants from the field of History of Art or Art Studies or for artists with a scientific project.

Duration of the funding

Master's degree:

- Between 10 and 24 months depending on the length of the chosen study programme
- Start: usually from 1st October, of the following year or earlier if a German language course is taken prior to the study programme
- The scholarships are awarded for the duration of the standard period of study for the chosen study programme (up to a maximum of 24 months). Please state the entire period for which you wish to apply for funding in your application. For example, if you are planning a 2-year degree programme, you must directly indicate two years as the desired scholarship duration in your application. After the first year of study, your academic achievements will be assessed in a further funding procedure. If this shows that you will successfully complete your programme within a reasonable period of time, the scholarship will continue as planned.

Complementary studies not leading to a final qualification:

- one academic year
- Start: usually from 1st October of the following year, or earlier if a German language course is taken prior to the study programme

Value

- A monthly payment of 934 euros
- Travel allowance [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_reisekostenzuschuesse_stipendiaten.pdf]
- One-off study allowance
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Under certain circumstances, scholarship holders may receive the following additional benefits:

- Monthly rent subsidy
- Monthly allowance for accompanying members of family. Please also read our important information for scholarship applicants [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/] / section F, point 3.
- In the case of a disability or chronic illness: subsidy for additional costs which result from the disability or chronic illness and are not covered by other funding providers: Further information [https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/mobility-with-a-disability/]
- Green Mobility Top Up (Support for climate-friendly travel) or partial reimbursement of carbon offset payments for air travel

To enable scholarship holders to learn German in preparation for their stay in the country, DAAD offers the following services:

- Payment of course fees for an online language course after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter
- if necessary: German language course (2, 4 or 6 months) before the start of the study visit in Germany; the DAAD decides whether to fund participation and for how long depending on German language skills and project. Participation in a language course is compulsory if the language of instruction or working language is German at the German host institution.
- Allowance for a personally chosen German language course during the scholarship period
- Reimbursement of the fee for a TestDaF or DSH test, which you can take either in your home country after you have received your Scholarship Award Letter or in Germany during your funding period.

Please note that the DAAD does **not** cover tuition fees.

Selection

After you have uploaded your application documents to the DAAD portal, the DAAD will first carry out a formal check. It will be checked whether the application requirements have been met and whether the application is complete. If this is the case, you will be asked to submit your work samples.
A special DAAD committee made up of professors from German art, design and film schools makes the final decision about scholarships in the fields of Fine Art, Film, Design, Visual Communication and Film. The decision is based upon written applications and work samples which have to be submitted (see: www.daad.de/extrainfo [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/scholarship-database/subject-specific-information/]).

Selection criteria

- the artistic qualification and artistic maturity, measured by study achievements and work samples
- the quality of the project as measured by the study plan and the letter of motivation

In addition, the selection committee will give due consideration to aspects of equal opportunities, on which you can provide information in the application form.
For further information on the selection procedure, please refer to the Important Scholarship Information [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/] / Section E.

Further information

Confirmation of a scholarship does not automatically guarantee admission to one of the universities. The respective university decides whether or not to offer scholarship holders a place. In most cases, applicants are required to take an entrance examination. Please find out in time about admission requirements and application deadlines and interview dates at your chosen university, and bear in mind that these may be several months before the planned start of your studies or even before the DAAD awards the scholarship. We cannot cover the costs of the entrance examination. If an applicant is offered a scholarship by the DAAD but fails to be admitted to any of the universities indicated in the application, he/she may not make use of the scholarship that has already been awarded.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

Please check if the following criteria are fulfilled:

- As a rule, your university degree should not date back more than 6 years at the time of the application deadline. Please read our important information for scholarship applicants / Section A, point 2 [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/].
- Prerequisite for the funding is a full-time and attendance study. Extra-occupational or part-time study programmes and study programmes with a predominant share of e-learning can not be taken into account.
- Your application **cannot** be considered, if you have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline.

Language skills

Applicants in the fields of Fine Art, Film, Design, Visual Communication and Film should have a knowledge of the language of instruction which corresponds to the requirements of the chosen university at the latest by the time they start their scholarship. If you do not yet have the language skills required by the university at the time of your application, your application should indicate the extent to which you are in a position to reach the required level. After you have been awarded a scholarship, take advantage of the funding opportunities described under "Value".

Application Procedure

Application deadline

Application deadlines are updated at least once a year. In most cases, they are in the same period as the previous year. You can find the current dates here:

30.11.2023
Start of funding from October 2024

Application documents

Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations may be scanned in non-certified form and uploaded to the DAAD portal. The DAAD reserves the right to request certified copies of the documents.

1. Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form
- Statement about academic and personal reasons for the planned study project in Germany (letter of motivation; 1 - 3 pages). Please also read our important information for scholarship applicants / Section A, point 2 [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/].

Master's degree/postgraduate study programme leading to a final qualification:

- Form "Information about your preferred master programmes" [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht

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- If available: Letter of acceptance from the host university.
  If you have not yet received notification of admission at the time of application, you must submit this before the funding period begins. Please note that you yourself are responsible for ensuring that you apply for admission at the host university by the due date and that a Scholarship Award Letter from the DAAD only becomes valid if you are admitted to your chosen host university.

Complementary studies not leading to a final qualification:

- Confirmation of supervision from a German university teacher

Also for all applicants:

- A current Transcript of Records with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system
- University degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study programme begins if studies have not been completed at the time of application.
- Proof of German language proficiency according to the European Framework of References for Languages or the Test-DaF for study programmes in German. **The language certificate should be no more than two years old.**
- Proof of English language proficiency according to the requirements of the chosen study programme in English (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS). **The language certificate should be no more than two years old.**
- A list of all work that have been cited as samples (see www.daad.de/extrainfo [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/scholarship-database/subject-specific-information/]) with detailed information (size, date of creation, place, etc.)
- A declaration that the works of art have been produced or created by you or the names of those persons involved in producing collaborative pieces of work. In the case of collaborative work or projects, the applicant's own contribution must be marked as such or appropriately described.

Please do not upload any work samples and/or portfolios to the DAAD portal!

2.Submitting work samples to the DAAD media database:
If the review of your scholarship application shows that it meets the criteria of the scholarship announcement and is complete, you will receive a link to upload your work samples to the DAAD media database by 21 December at the latest. When you receive the link, please upload the work samples to the Media Database by 4 January CET at the latest.
For formal requirements, read: "Additional Information for DAAD Study Scholarships in the Field of Fine Art, Film, Design, Visual Communication and Film" at: www.daad.de/extrainfo [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/scholarship-database/additional-information-fine-art/].

All application documents listed under 1. and 2. must be submitted in German or English. Documents in other languages must be translated.

The application is submitted in two steps:
1. Submission of the application documents
2. Submission of work samples

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The application documents are submitted online via the DAAD portal.
Please note that the access to the application portal only appears while the current application period is running. After the application deadline has expired, the portal for this programme is not available until the next application period.

Application location

Online via the DAAD Portal and the DAAD Media Database

Please note

- Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal (see Item 1) and to the DAAD media database (see Item 2).

- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day.
- Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete.
- The application documents remain with the DAAD. Your personal data is saved by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act and with the EU Data Protection Regulation insofar as this data is needed to process the application.

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres

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More detailed information

- DAAD website section "Important information for scholarship applicants" [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/]
- DAAD website section "Study programmes and language courses" [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/courses-of-study-in-germany//]
- DAAD website section "Plan your studies" [https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/] to help you prepare for your stay in Germany
- Campaign website https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/ [https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/]

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