

Kenyan-German Postgraduate Programme • DAAD

Overview

Objective

The general aim of the programme is to train young academics and scientists through funding of PhD degree studies in Germany.

Who can apply?

Excellently qualified academic staff of higher learning institutions and of public Kenyan research institutions in the STEM subjects (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) and Agriculture.

What can be funded?

PhD studies:

- individual projects under the supervision of a university teacher or academic advisor

OR

- participation in a structured doctoral study programme

Duration of the funding

Generally, up to 45 months.

Grants are initially awarded for a maximum of one year. Extensions depend on whether the selection committee considers the previous award period to have been successfully completed.

Value

- 4 to 6 months preparatory German language course (fulltime)
- Co-financed monthly scholarship instalment
- Reimbursement of travel costs through an adequate travel lump sum that is disbursed after arrival in Germany, during the funding period respectively
- Study and research allowance
- Accident, health and personal liability insurance cover
- Further individual allowances upon application

Selection

Selection is done by a bi-national committee through personal interviews of the candidates in Nairobi, Kenya. Selection criteria are, amongst others, general academic performance as well as a convincing and detailed proposal, discussed and agreed with the German supervisor, a convincing motivation for the chosen degree course respectively.

Further information

Please note that the scholarship awards are subject to sufficient funds.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

The last qualifying degree should have been obtained not more than six years ago. Candidates should have passed their Bachelor studies with at least “second class upper division”, their Master’s studies with at least B+ (or equivalent).

Language skills

English

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:

31 October 2022

Selection date in January 2023 for funding starting from October 2023

Application documents

1. To be submitted to the DAAD Portal:

- Curriculum Vitae (use the Europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> [<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>])
- List of publications, if any
- Description of academic and personal reasons for your planned project in Germany (letter of motivation: 1-2 pages), taking account of the following question: What do you hope to gain from your project in Germany (personally, professionally, for your career)?
- Ph.D. proposal (maximum 10 pages)
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of the proposal)
- Detailed work plan including time schedule covering the whole period of the scholarship
- Confirmation from a German Professor stating that he/she will supervise the applicant for his/ her Ph.D. thesis (in English)
- OR Admission/Eligibility letter from structured PhD Programme
- Master’s certificate
- Transcripts for each Year
- Bachelor’s certificate
- Transcripts for each Year
- A/O-level certificate
- Confirmation of funding for research during field studies

2. To be sent to the DAAD office in Nairobi:

- 2 original references of academic referees (in English; on recommendation forms, available on the online portal)

To be sent via email to the DAAD in Nairobi (bengelstorff@daad.de) [<mailto:bengelstorff@daad.de>]:

- Ph.D. proposal as word file

Application location

DAAD Regional Office for Africa

Postal Address:

P.O Box 14050-00800

Nairobi, Kenya

Physical Address:

Upper Hill Close, 3rd floor, Madison Insurance House,
Upper Hill, Community Area,
Nairobi, Kenya

Please note

- Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time.
- For submitting references by post, the postmark date serves as proof that they have been dispatched on time.
- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day.
- Incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for ensuring that your 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 "[PhD studies and research](https://www.daad.de/deutschland/promotion/de/)" [<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/promotion/de/>]
- Website "[Research in Germany](https://www.research-in-germany.org/en.html)" [<https://www.research-in-germany.org/en.html>]
- Website "[GERiT – German Research Institutions](https://www.gerit.org/en/)" [<https://www.gerit.org/en/>]
- DAAD website "[Important information for DAAD scholarship applicants](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/)" [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/>]

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/) [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/>].

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