

University Winter Courses in Germany for Foreign Students and Graduates • DAAD

Overview

This study programme is geared towards students and graduates and aims to help them improve their knowledge of German (general language) and their cultural knowledge of the country.

Who can apply?

- Applications are open to students in Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes as well as doctoral candidates in any subject area; Bachelor students must have completed at least two academic years at the start of the scholarship period.
- Students in the last year of a Bachelor programme are eligible to apply if they intend to start a Master's degree programme shortly after completing their BA. Please submit a letter of confirmation from the university as proof.

What can be funded?

- The programme funds attendance of language and area studies courses that are offered by state or state-recognised German universities and by affiliated language schools.
- You can find out about course providers and course programmes on the DAAD website under: www.daad.de/hwk-kursliste [<https://www.daad.de/hwk-kursliste>]
- The courses are exclusively taught in German.

Duration of the funding

- 6 weeks
- The grants are non-renewable.
- The courses start in January and end in February.

Value

- One-off scholarship payment of 1,875 euros
- Payment of a country-specific travel allowance, see www.daad.de/go/rkp_hwk [https://www.daad.de/go/rkp_hwk]. The overview valid for 2020 will be published soon.
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover
- **Please note:**
Course fees and accommodation expenses are usually deducted directly from scholarship payments by the language course provider so that the grant holder is possibly paid only the difference to the full amount of the scholarship by the course provider.
The above mentioned payments (including travel allowance) will not be transferred abroad.

Selection

- A selection committee reviews applications.
- The most important selection criteria are:
 - previous academic achievements
 - convincing arguments for choice of study programme and subject

- knowledge of German

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

- The grant holder must be at least 18 years old when he/she starts the funded stay.
- Applicants must be registered at a university of one of the programme-related countries (except Germany) at the time of application as well as during the funded stay.
- A scholarship holder may only be considered once in any three consecutive years for a DAAD University Winter Course Grant.

Language skills

- Applicants must be able to follow lectures in German and collaborate in teams.
- Proof of German language skills must be provided with the application.
- The language certificate for the required minimum language should be no more than one year old. Language certificates from B2 or TDN4 in all examined sections may be older than one year.
- The following language certificates can be accepted: onSET-Deutsch, TestDaF, Goethe Institut-Nachweis, DSD, DSH, telc Deutsch, ÖSD-Zertifikat.
- Applicants must generally prove the minimum language level of B1.

Application Procedure

The application procedure occurs online through the DAAD Portal.

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Application documents

Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations may be submitted in non-certified form. The DAAD Head Office in Bonn reserves the right to also request certified copies of the submitted documents.

Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD Portal

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (in German)
- Letter of motivation (in German)
- Copy of university degree certificate(s) with final grade(s), if available (with German or English translation)
- Proof of credits for all university examinations (with final grades) incl. explanation of grading systems (with German or English translation)
- Language certificates (if applicable with German or English translation)
- Other documents you think might be of relevance to your application (e.g. proof of placements, certificates of employment)

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Please note

- In the application form, applicants are asked to specify three courses they wish to take. Applicants should fill in all spaces and indicate different course locations. The DAAD does its best to consider these preferences when it makes a final decision about allocating places. **Important:** There is only a limited number of available places, thus

the DAAD reserves the right to allocate an alternative course.

- After receipt of your application, it is no longer possible to change your course requirements or to change course.
- Only applications that have been submitted on time and are complete can be considered.
- Ownership of the application documents including all appendices, samples, etc. shall pass to the DAAD without claim to payment. Documents are not returned to applicants. Data relating to applicants 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

More detailed information

- You can find out about course providers and programmes on the DAAD website under: www.daad.de/hwk-kursliste [<http://www.daad.de/hwk-kursliste>].
- You will find more information about language certificates on the DAAD website under: www.daad.de/deutschland/nachdeutschland/voraussetzungen/en/6221-deutsche-sprache [<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/nachdeutschland/voraussetzungen/en/6221-deutsche-sprache>].
- Answers on questions about the programme University Summer Courses you will find [here](https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/faq-hsk_hwk.pdf) [https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/faq-hsk_hwk.pdf]
- General information and answers on questions regarding application requirements, planning and preparing your application and the following selection process you will find [here](https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/hinweise/en/27334-frequently-asked-questions/) [<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/hinweise/en/27334-frequently-asked-questions/>]

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