

SPACES II.1 – CaBuDe: Scholarships for Foreigners: Bi-nationally supervised doctorate in the home country (type B) - marine projects • DAAD

Overview

Objective

In the framework of the programme SPACES II of the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), researchers from Germany, Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia conduct scientific collaboration projects to investigate climate processes, the global climate change, and their consequences in the region of Southern Africa. Sustainability is one focus of this research.

Sustainable research requires early support for young experts in research and education at universities and research institutes, including industry-related ones, in Germany and the participating African countries Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia. Good networking, close coordination and long-term cooperation between the scientists of these nations are of equal importance.

The accompanying DAAD scholarship programme “Capacity Building/Development” (CaBuDe) aims at developing the required capacities. The program will enable scholarship holders from Southern Africa to research, to network and to be (further) educated in Germany, in order to become experts for the sustainable scientific-technical cooperation between their home countries and Germany. The same applies to the short-term research scholarship holders from Germany under this programme.

Who can apply?

Applications are open to excellently qualified graduates and doctoral candidates from Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia who are doing research within one of the **marine SPACES II research Projects**

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BANINO, CASISAC, TRACES & TRAFFIC under the overall theme of Earth System Management in the following specific fields:

1. Environmental Sciences
2. Coastal and Marine Research Sciences
3. Geology

and graduated no longer than six years ago.

What can be funded?

PhD studies at the home university with integrated research phases in Germany will be supported. Doctoral studies are supervised by both a university teacher at the home university in Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia and an academic adviser at the host institute in Germany (“sandwich model”). Based on this flexible, multi-phase funding system, doctoral candidates start their doctoral studies in their home country and subsequently spend research periods in Germany. The doctoral degree is completed in the home country with participation of the German academic supervisor.

The doctoral project can only be conducted in strong cooperation with one of the relevant **marine SPACES II research projects** [\[https://www2.daad.de/medien/ausland/ausschreibungen/projektuebersicht_spaces_cabude.pdf\]](https://www2.daad.de/medien/ausland/ausschreibungen/projektuebersicht_spaces_cabude.pdf).

Duration of the funding

6 to 26 months: 6 to 24 months PhD research, optional 2-month German language course in Germany prior to the research stay if needed (only for scholarships with a duration of more than 6 months)

The duration of the grant is decided by the selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant’s work schedule.

Schedule

The funding period must be finished in October 2023 at the latest. The individual application deadline stems from the planned duration of funding. The online application must have been submitted via the DAAD online portal at least 4 months before the desired starting date at the German host institution.

E.g.: Applications for a 6 months funding period can be submitted at any time until December 31, 2022. Applications for a 15 months funding period can be submitted at any time before March 31, 2022.

Value

- Intensive optional 2-month German language course in Germany prior to the start of the research stay if needed (only for scholarships with a duration of more than 6 months)
- Monthly payments during the stay in Germany of 1,200 Euro
- Flat-rate travel allowance for outward and return journey
- Travel and accommodation expenses for supervising university teachers, according to the German Federal Travel Expenses Law (BRKG), for one trip of up to 10 days
 - by the foreign university teacher to Germany to monitor progress
 - by the German university teacher to the home university of the scholarship holder to take part in final examinations
 - The nature of the trips should be specified in the work and time schedule submitted with the application.
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Under certain circumstances, grant holders completing an uninterrupted stay of over 6 months in Germany may receive the following additional benefits:

- Monthly rent subsidy
- Monthly allowance for accompanying family members
- One-off research allowance

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

- Payment of course fees for the online language course "Deutsch-Uni Online (DUO)" (www.deutsch-uni.com [<https://www.deutsch-uni.com/gast/duo/info/index.do?do=index>]) for 6 months after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter
- Allowance for a self-chosen accompanying German language course during the grant period
- Reimbursement of the fees for the TestDaF test which is either taken in the home country after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter or in Germany before the end of the grant period

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by an independent selection committee consisting of experts in the relevant fields.

The decisive selection criterion is the compatibility of the research proposal with the chosen marine SPACES II project. Other important selection criteria are the relevance and quality of the research proposal and the applicant's academic achievements.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

As a rule, applicants should have graduated with a master degree no longer than six years before the time of application.

Proposals must be relevant to the research areas of the prospective marine SPACES II cooperation Project (BANINO, CASISAC, TRACES &

TRAFFIC - please submit invitation by scientist working in the desired SPACES project in Germany)
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Language skills

Very good English language skills are essential. However, we do not require an official English test. The author of the invitation letter must confirm that your English language skills are sufficient to pursue the research project in Germany.

Application Procedure

Application deadline

The individual application deadline stems from the planned duration of funding. The online application must have been submitted via the DAAD online portal at least 4 months before the desired starting date at the German host institution. For more information see paragraph 'Duration of the funding'.

Application documents

The application documents must be submitted in full to the DAAD Portal.

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.

Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (3 pages max.)
- List of publications (max. 3 pages), if applicable
- Summary of the master thesis (2 pages max.)
- Detailed description of the research proposal, after due discussion with the academic supervisor at the German host institution (max. 10 pages). The description must comprise a detailed schedule of the planned research work. Applicants should outline how they plan to divide their time between Germany and the home university. The proposal must be coordinated with the academic advisers at the home university and in Germany. Please also read our [important information for scholarship applicants / section B, point 2 \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/).
- Confirmation of supervision by a scientist working in the desired SPACES project in Germany. The letter must include the confirmation of the applicant's sufficient English language skills.
- University degree certificates indicating final grade(s) (bachelor and master); the certificates must be submitted before the grant-supported research begins if they are not yet available at the time of application.
- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grades (transcripts of records), incl. explanation of grading System
- Copy of school-leaving certificate which entitles holders to study at a university in the home country (with all individual grades)
- German or English translations of documents submitted in other languages

To be submitted by post:

- One recent letter of reference by a scientist of your own choice informing about your qualifications (hand-signed, no digital or scanned signature). Please regard the instructions given on the tab "Submitting an application".

Application location

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)
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Please note

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- Your application will only be valid if you submit all required documents to the DAAD portal.
- The DAAD portal will close at 24.00 Central European Time (CET) on the last application day.
- Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete.
- The application documents remain with the DAAD. Data relating to applicants will be stored by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act insofar as such data is needed to process applications.

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres

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More detailed information

For more detailed information see [FAQ](#)

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