

## Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD): Eastern Europe Programme

### Overview

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#### Programme Description

The KAAD is the scholarship institution of the catholic Church in Germany. Applicants for this programme are from [Central, Eastern and South-east Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia](#) [<http://kaad.knowlitge.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/L%C3%A4nderliste-OE.pdf>], are proficient in German and are of catholic faith. In exceptional cases candidates may have differing denominations, if they are recommended by catholic partner organisations. Eligibility criteria include

- post-graduates with a Bachelor's degree who wish to study in a Master's programme at a German university (max. 24 months). Tuition fees for fee-based Master's programmes can be funded in exceptional cases.
- young scientists who want to complete a doctoral degree in Germany (max. 36 months)
- young scientists who are studying for a doctoral degree or a postdoctoral qualification (habilitation) and plan to come to Germany for a research stay (up to 12 months)
- post-graduates who, after completing their exams in their home country, wish to undertake a research stay or deepen their existing scientific knowledge in Germany, or who wish to pursue a non-consecutive graduate or additional course of study (this also applies to further training for licensed medical practitioners)
- university teachers planning research stays (up to 6 months) in Germany
- Master's students who plan a study stay (up to 6 months) to research material at a higher education institution in Germany

Sponsorships are awarded to students from any subject area (with the exception of courses of study in theology).

The KAAD expects eligible candidates to complete preparatory German courses in their home country. In addition, candidates can apply for a language course (full-time or during studies).

#### Target Group

graduates, doctoral candidates, PhDs or higher-education teaching staff demonstrating excellent academic performance and promise from [Central, Eastern and South-east Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia](#) [<http://kaad.knowlitge.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/L%C3%A4nderliste-OE.pdf>] interested in spending a period of study or a research stay at a German higher education institution

#### Academic Requirements

Bachelor's, Master's, doctoral or post-doctoral studies

#### Application Papers

Please complete this [online questionnaire](https://www.kaad-application.de/) [<https://www.kaad-application.de/>].

#### Application Deadline

15 January (scholarships will be allocated in March) and 30 June (scholarships will be allocated in September) of each year

### Application requirements

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- Applicants are expected to show excellent promise in their studies and/or research work.

- Applicants' focus in study or research work in Germany is on returning permanently to their home countries after the completion of the scholarship; otherwise the KAAD funding will be considered as a loan.
- Applicants must be socially engaged and involved in the Church and be ready to participate in inter-religious dialogue.
- Proficiency in German at level B1 (or, for English-language courses of study at level A2)

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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