

Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS) • DAAD

Overview

With its development-oriented postgraduate study programmes, the DAAD promotes the training of specialists from development and newly industrialised countries. Well-trained local experts, who are networked with international partners, play an important part in the sustainable development of their countries. They are the best guarantee for a better future with less poverty, more education and health for all. The scholarships offer foreign graduates from development and newly industrialised countries from all disciplines and with at least two years' professional experience the chance to take a postgraduate or Master's degree at a state or state-recognised German university, and in exceptional cases to take a doctoral degree, and to obtain a university qualification (Master's/PhD) in Germany.

Who can apply?

Graduates with at least two years' professional experience

What can be funded?

Individual scholarships exclusively for Postgraduate courses in Germany that are listed on the "[List of all Postgraduate courses with application deadlines](#)"

[https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/epos_deadlines.pdf].

Duration of the funding

12 to 36 months (dependent on study programme)

Value

- Depending on academic level, monthly payments of 850 euros for graduates or 1,200 euros for doctoral candidates
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover
- Travel allowance, unless these expenses are covered by the home country or another source of funding

Selection

- Candidates fulfil the necessary academic requirements and can be expected to successfully complete a study programme in Germany (above-average result for first academic exam – top performance third, language skills)
- Candidates have a Bachelor degree (usually a four-year course) in an appropriate subject
- Candidates have at least two years' professional experience
- Candidates can prove their motivation is development-related and be expected to take on social responsibility and initiate and support processes of change in their personal and professional environment after their training/scholarship

Further information

Brochure "[Development-Related Postgraduate Courses - Educating Professionals for Sustainable Development](#)"

[[https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-](https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/entwicklungszusammenarbeit/pdfs/daad_programmbroschuere_entwicklungsbezogene_studiengaenge.pdf)

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FAQs [https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/epos_faq_en.pdf]

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

- The last academic degree (usually a Bachelor's degree) should have been completed no longer than six years previously
- At least two years' relevant professional experience

Language skills

Depending on chosen study programme; please check scholarship brochure or the website of your chosen study programme.

Application Procedure

Application documents

Required documents (in the following order):

- [DAAD application form](https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf)
[https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf]
 - hand-signed CV (please use the europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/> [<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>])
 - hand-signed letter of motivation (with reference to current occupation) maximum 2 pages
 - academic letter/s of recommendation (the letters must have a letterhead, a signature and office stamp and must be of recent date)
 - professional letter/s of recommendation from your employer (the letters must have a letterhead, a signature and office stamp and must be of recent date)
 - confirmation of employment from the employer in your home country and -if possible- a guarantee of reemployment upon your return home
- Proof of language abilities:
- a) English - TOEFL or IELTS (Note: We only accept an academic TOEFL)
 - b) German - necessary for the courses taught in German; for the courses taught in English, if available
- (certified*) copies of awarded academic degrees (certified translation if necessary)
 - (certified*) copies of academic transcripts (certified translation if necessary)

Please check with the requirements of the according University whether certified copies are required.

Please note that the University you are applying for may require additional documents. Please check with the website of the according postgraduate course.

Application deadline

Depending on chosen study programme; please check scholarship brochure or the website of your chosen study programme.

Application location

Apply directly to the chosen study programme

Contact and Consulting

More detailed information

Brochure "Development-Related Postgraduate Courses - Educating Professionals for Sustainable Development"
[https://www.daad.de/medien/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/entwicklungszusammenarbeit/pdfs/daad_programmbroschuere_entwicklungsbezogene_studiengaenge.pdf]
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