

Research Grants – Short-Term Grants • DAAD

Overview

Objective

The primary aim of this programme is to promote research projects within the context of doctoral programmes. The scholarships are funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you have above-average qualifications and

- you are doing your doctorate,
- you completed your Master's degree or Diplom, or in exceptional cases a Bachelor's degree, at the latest by the time the funding period begins, or
- you have already completed a PhD (postdoc).

You **cannot** apply, if you are doing your entire doctorate at a German university.

What can be funded?

The programme provides funding for a research project or course of continuing scientific education at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany, which is being carried out in coordination with an academic adviser in Germany.

Duration of the funding

- Funding is provided for one month to a maximum of six months. Please indicate in your application how long you wish to receive funding. The funding period will then be determined during the selection process by a selection committee. The committee takes into account your work plan.
- The grant is non-renewable.
- Please note in your time planning that the funded stays should be completed **by March 2025 at the latest**.

Value

- Depending on academic level, monthly payments of euros 1,300.- for doctoral candidates and postdocs euros 934.- if you are not yet taking a doctoral degree
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover (see also our [important information for 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/>] / section F, point 4)
- [Travel allowance](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_reisekostenzuschuesse_stipendiaten.pdf) [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_reisekostenzuschuesse_stipendiaten.pdf]
- In the case of a disability or chronic illness: subsidy for additional costs which result from the disability or chronic illness and are not covered by other funding providers: [Further information](https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/mobility-with-a-disability/) [<https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/mobility-with-a-disability/>]
- Green Mobility Top Up (Support for climate-friendly travel) or partial reimbursement of carbon offset payments for air travel

Selection

An independent selection committee reviews applications.

Central selection criteria are:

- a convincing and well-planned research or training project
- academic achievements

Furthermore, additional documents submitted that prove the applicant's professional aptitude or provide information about extracurricular commitment will also be included in the evaluation.

The selection committee also gives due consideration to equal opportunities; you can provide relevant information in the application form.

For more information on the selection procedure, go to [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/) / Section E.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

Please check if the following criteria are fulfilled:

- As a rule, applicants should not have graduated any longer than six years before the application deadline.
- If you have already started your doctorate, it also applies that the start of the doctorate should not be longer than 3 years ago.
- If you already hold a doctoral degree, you should not have completed your doctorate more than four years ago.
Please also read 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/) / Section A, point 2.
- You **cannot** apply, if you have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline.

Note:

For applicants from the fields of human medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry, other regulations are applicable. Please refer to the leaflet 'Additional information on DAAD Research Grants for applicants from medical fields' ([www.daad.de/extrainfo \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/scholarship-database/additional-information-medicine/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/scholarship-database/additional-information-medicine/)).

Language skills

- The required language level depends on the applicant's study plans and subject: In the arts, social sciences and in law, at least a good knowledge of German is usually expected. For the natural sciences and engineering, proof of good English language skills may also be accepted if English is spoken at the host institute.

Application Procedure

Application deadline

Application deadlines are updated annually in the second quarter. In most cases, they are in the same period as the previous year. You can find the current dates here:

31.08.2023

Selection date in January 2024

Start of funding in May 2024 at the earliest

Application documents

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 (max. 3 pages)
- List of your published publications (max. 10 pages), if applicable
- 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)? Please upload the letter of motivation under 'study project/motivation' in the DAAD portal.
- A **proposal**, prepared and formulated by yourself, as well as a description of previous research work (max. 5 pages with max. 3.000 characters without spaces per page plus 2 pages of graphics if necessary). A proposal is an extensive and detailed description of the research project which has been discussed with the academic adviser in Germany. Please also read our [Important Scholarship Information / 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/>]. Please upload the proposal under 'research project' in the DAAD portal.
- **Schedule** of planned research work
- **Confirmation from the academic host in Germany**; the confirmation must refer to your project and guarantee that the host institute in Germany will provide you with a workplace. Please also read 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/>] / section C, point 3. Please upload the confirmation from the academic host under 'contacts at host institution' in the DAAD portal.
- **University degree certificate indicating final grade(s)**: the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the grant-supported research begins if it is not available at the time of application.
- One recent, supporting **letter of recommendation** (previously: 'reference form') from a university teacher which provides information about your qualifications. Please regard the instructions given on the tab '**Submitting an application**'.
In the current application procedure, the recommendation can be sent to the DAAD by post as an alternative to uploading it on the portal. Please note the information given under 'Application location' for this purpose.
- Other documents which support your application (example: certificates of employment, proof of practical training/internships, etc.)
- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system.
- German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language (to be uploaded with the corresponding documents)
- School leaving certificate with all individual grades (to be uploaded in the portal under "University entrance qualification")
- Proof of admission to a doctoral programme at the home university insofar as the applicant intends to take a doctoral degree there
- Valid identification document (passport, ID card, driver licence or student identity card) including your photograph, full name, date of birth and country of origin (please upload under "Miscellaneous" in the DAAD portal; please note that you would need an official travel document, i.e. passport, upon your visa application at the latest)

The application procedure occurs online through the DAAD Portal.

Please note that the access to the application portal only appears while the current application period is running. After the application deadline has expired, the portal for this programme is not available until the next application period.

Application location

DAAD online portal

Only for references (by post):

DAAD ST33

Kennedyallee 50

53175 Bonn

Germany

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.
- (If further documents are to be submitted by post, please send them as soon as possible.)
- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day. **If possible, please do not send your application on the final date in case technical problems occur.**
- 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 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

Please read the description of your programme of interest in detail. If you still have any question about DAAD scholarships, you will find further information among “[Important information for 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/>].

In case you cannot find the right answer, you can also get in touch with our digital colleague “Amiko” to receive an immediate response (bottom right, by clicking on the chat bubble). Alternatively, please use the [contact form](https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/contact/contact-study-research-in-germany/) [<https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/contact/contact-study-research-in-germany/>] to get in touch with the DAAD Info-Center. They will answer your question as soon as possible. However, this can take up to three working days.

Furthermore, the DAAD Info-Center can also be contacted by phone, to get a guidance in English and German. Here is their number: +49 228 882 180 and their contact hours:

Monday – Thursday: From 9am till 12pm & 2pm till 4pm (CET or CEST)

Friday: From 9am – 2pm (CET or CEST)

More detailed information

- DAAD website 'Important information for DAAD scholarship applicants' [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/>]
- DAAD website section 'Doing a PhD and Research in Germany' [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/phd-studies-and-research/>]
- Website 'Research in Germany' [<https://www.research-in-germany.org/en.html>]
- Website 'GERiT – German Research Institutions' [<https://www.gerit.org/en/>]

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