

# Bilateral Exchange of Academics • DAAD

## Overview

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### Objective

To improve international relations and bilateral research cooperations between German and foreign universities, the DAAD supports the exchange of scientists and academics. The basis for the exchange of scientists are cultural exchange programmes between the Federal Republic of Germany and partner countries as well as bilateral agreements with foreign partner organisations. The scholarships are funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

### Who can apply?

The programme is aimed at university teachers and experienced academics and scientists. As a rule, you should have a doctorate and you should be working at a university or research institute in your home country.

### What can be funded?

Research stays at state or state-recognised universities or non-university research institutes in Germany are funded.

- This programme funds exchanges between scientists and researchers from Germany and partner countries. In the implementation of the bilateral programme, care is taken to ensure equal exchanges in both directions.
- Lecture tours or visits to congresses are **not** funded.

### Duration of the funding

Your research stay should last **at least 14 days** (for stays from applicants from EU countries as well as from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Ukraine: at least 7 days) **up to a maximum of three months**. Please indicate in your application form how long you wish to receive funding. The funding period will then be determined during the selection process, taking into account your study plan.

The grant **cannot be extended**.

### Value

- Monthly payments of:  
2,000 euros for assistant teachers, assistant professors and lecturers  
2,150 euros for professors
- Unless otherwise regulated by bilateral agreements, the costs of the outward and return journey are borne by the respective sending country.
- 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/)
- **Please note:** Health insurance coverage is mandatory in Germany. If you do not have a corresponding home health insurance, you will be insured by the DAAD. The costs will be deducted from the scholarship payment.

### Selection

An independent selection committee reviews applications.

The most important selection criteria are:

- Your academic achievements and, if applicable, your publications, which must be documented in the curriculum vitae and a list of publications (see 'Application documents')
- A convincing and well-planned research project (see 'Application documents')

## Application requirements

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### What requirements must be met?

- You must work at a university or research institution in your home country.
- You must coordinate the date and purpose of your stay in advance with your host institution in Germany see ('Application documents'). A workplace must be provided.
- Because this is a bilateral exchange programme, a visit of the German Counterpart has be agreed upon.

### 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

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### 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

Please apply for a scholarship of exact up to 90 days (instead of 3 months) as for 90 days you will get the visa earlier.

Selection date in January 2024

Start of funding in May 2024 at the earliest

### Application documents

#### Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (max. 3 pages)
- List of your academic publications (max. 3 pages)
- Comprehensive statement about research project (max. 10 pages). Also read our [Important information for scholarship applicants](https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/stipendien-finden/wichtige-hinweise-zu-daad-stipendien/) [<https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/stipendien-finden/wichtige-hinweise-zu-daad-stipendien/>] / section B, point 2.
- Time plan for your planned research visit (please also name the host institute(s) and academic hosts).
- Written confirmation from your host (informal) about the academic cooperation that must refer to your proposal and guarantee that the host institute in Germany will provide you with a workplace.
- Copy of an identification document (passport, ID card, driver licence, student identity card) including your photograph, full name, date of birth and country of origin (please note that you would need an official travel document, i.e. passport, upon your visa application at the latest)
- German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language (to be uploaded with the corresponding documents)
- The German counterpart should apply under the following link: [Bilateral Exchange of Academics](http://www.daad.de/go/stipd500155061) [<http://www.daad.de/go/stipd500155061>]
- Invitation letter for the German counterpart from the host university.

The application procedure occurs online through the DAAD portal.

### Application location

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.
- (If 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.
- Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete.
- The application documents remain with the DAAD. Your personal data 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

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

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