

## Science Partnerships for the Adaption to Complex Earth System Processes in the Region of Southern Africa (SPACES II) – CaBuDe (Capacity Building / Development)

### Scholarships for Foreigners 2019

**Short-term scholarships for Bachelor students (type C), Master students and senior experts (type D), PhD students and senior experts (type E) and postdocs and senior experts (type F)**

#### What are the Programme Objectives?

In the framework of the programme SPACES II of the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), researchers from Germany, South Africa, Namibia and Angola 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 South Africa, Namibia, and Angola. 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 programme 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?

The following categories of researchers can apply:

- excellently qualified students, graduates, doctoral candidates and postdocs from South Africa, Namibia and Angola who are doing research within one of the [SPACES research projects](#) under the overall theme of Earth System Management in the following specific fields:

- (1) Environmental Sciences
- (2) Coastal and Marine Research Sciences
- (3) Geology

- excellently qualified senior experts with no less than a bachelor degree, from South Africa, Namibia and Angola who are doing research within one of the [SPACES research projects](#)

## What can be funded?

### **Type C: Short-term research scholarships for bachelor students from South Africa, Namibia and Angola**

- Bachelor students, to do a specific part of their bachelor studies in Germany and complete their bachelor degree in their home country

### **Type D: Short-term research scholarships for master students and senior experts from South Africa, Namibia and Angola**

- Master students, to do a specific part of their master studies in Germany and complete their master degree in their home country
- Senior experts with no less than a bachelor degree, to pursue an individual research project or take part in training measures within the SPACES projects in Germany

### **Type E: Short-term research scholarships for PhD students and senior experts from South Africa, Namibia and Angola**

- Doctoral candidates, to do a specific part of their PhD research in Germany and complete their PhD in their home country
- Senior experts with no less than a master degree, to pursue an individual research project or take part in training measures within one of the SPACES projects in Germany

### **Type F: Short-term research fellowships for postdocs and senior experts from South Africa, Namibia and Angola**

- Postdoctoral candidates, to pursue a research project within a SPACES project in Germany
- Senior experts, with no less than a PhD degree, to pursue an individual research project or take part in training measures within one of the SPACES projects in Germany

**All types:** The short-term projects can only be conducted in strong cooperation with the relevant [SPACES project](#).

## Duration of the funding

From 2 weeks to 3 months (non-extendable)

## Funding

### **Type C: Short-term research scholarships for bachelor students**

- Monthly scholarship of 750 EUR
- Flat-rate travel allowance for outward and return journey
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

### **Type D: Short-term research scholarships for master students and senior experts**

- Monthly scholarship of 850 EUR
- Flat-rate travel allowance for outward and return journey
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

### **Type E: Short-term research scholarships for PhD students and senior experts**

- Monthly scholarship of 1,200 EUR
- Flat-rate travel allowance for outward and return journey
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance

### **Type F: Short-term research fellowships for postdocs and senior experts**

- Monthly scholarship of 2,000 EUR
- Payments towards accident and personal liability insurance (no health insurance)
- Flat-rate travel allowance only if travel expenses are not covered by the home country or other funding source

## 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 [SPACES project](#). Other important selection criteria are the relevance and quality of the research proposal and the applicant's academic achievements.

**Requirements****Type D: Short-term research scholarships for master students (not applicable for senior experts)**

At the time of application, no more than 6 years should have passed since the graduation with a bachelor degree.

**Type E: Short-term research scholarships for PhD students (not applicable for senior experts)**

At the time of application, no more than 6 years should have passed since the graduation with a master degree.

**All types:** Proposals must be relevant to the research areas of the prospective SPACES cooperation project. Please be sure to submit an invitation by a scientist working in the prospective [SPACES project](#) in Germany.

**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 the English language skills are sufficient to pursue the research project in Germany.

**Application Procedure**

The application documents must be submitted in full to the DAAD Portal <https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>.

## Application Documents

Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations may be scanned in non-certified form and uploaded to the DAAD portal. The DAAD Head Office in Bonn will only request certified copies of the submitted documents in paper form if a grant is awarded.

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Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (3 pages max.)
- List of publications (3 pages max.), if applicable
- Summary of the thesis of the latest academic degree (2 pages max.)
- Detailed description of the research proposal, after due discussion with the academic supervisor at the German host institution (10 pages max).
- Detailed schedule of the planned research work
- Letter confirming 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, Master or PhD); the certificates must be submitted before the grant-supported research begins if they are not available yet at the time of application.
- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grades (transcripts of records), incl. explanation of grading system
- German or English translations of documents submitted in the 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 Deadline

**Applications can be submitted at any time after the publication date in January 2019.** The online application must have been received by the DAAD online portal 2.5 months before the desired starting date.

### Please note

- Your application will only be processed if you submit all required documents to the DAAD portal.
- 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.

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