

Scholarship for a PhD-study at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) in Ghana, Cameroon and South Africa

Call for Scholarship Applications 2018

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Programme Objectives

The DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), as a publicly funded, self-governing organisation of the institutions of higher education in Germany, promotes international academic exchange as well as educational co-operation with developing countries through a variety of funding and scholarship programmes.

DAAD is able to offer scholarships for postgraduate studies to the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences. The programme is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and aims at university staff development in the first line, without neglecting other public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

AIMS, the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, as a self-governing non-profit trust, which is supported by several universities, offers a postgraduate Programme to talented students from the African continent. In a similar way, AIMS is extending its offer to Masters and Doctoral Degree Programme in mathematical sciences meeting the need for highly qualified scientists in Africa.

It has been agreed upon that DAAD co-operates with AIMS Ghana, Cameroon and South Africa by offering up to 2 Scholarships each for a PhD Programme in Mathematics.

Application requirements

Applicants

- have successfully completed generally at least a two-year Master degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (second class upper division)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent residents of an African country
- should generally be a) staff member of a public or private university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector or d) DAFI-Alumni (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative)

Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

Eligible fields

The scholarships at AIMS Ghana, AIMS Cameroon and AIMS South Africa are available in the following field:

Mathematics

Place of tenure

The fellowship is tenable at the respective AIMS Centres mentioned before.

Duration and Commencement

The awards are tenable for a period of up to three years 2018 – 2021.

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process:

Applicants are asked to register themselves online via the DAAD-Portal <https://portal.daad.de> (if not already registered) and apply online via the DAAD-Portal under the tab “Personal Funding”/ “Application”.

Documents to be submitted:

- DAAD application form duly filled (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- 2 recommendation letters by university lecturers
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Copy of the passport or national identity card.
- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including detailed work and time table (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)

Closing date for the submission of DAAD scholarship applications is 14th of May 2018.

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Items	Ghana	Cameroon	South Africa
Tuition and registration fees PhD per year	<u>Local citizens:</u> 1 st , 2 nd and 4 th year 11,401 GHC 3 rd year 14,252 GHC	<u>Local citizens</u> 1 st year 85,000 FCFA 2 nd year 53,000 FCFA	<u>Local citizens and SADC</u> 25,817 R
	<u>Foreigners:</u> 1 st year 7,399 USD 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th year 6,935 USD	<u>Foreigners:</u> 1 st year 685,000 FCFA 2 nd year 653,000 FCFA	<u>Foreigners: NON-SADC</u> 29,932 R
Study and research allowance in EUR per year	920, -	920, -	920, -
Final allowance in EUR (once-only at the end)	1025, -	1025, -	1025, -

Items	Ghana	Cameroon	South Africa
Monthly Scholarship in EUR (Accommodation, food etc.)	550, - In-Region 500, - In-Country	550, - In-Region 500, - In-Country	500, - In-Region 500, - In-Country
Travel allowance	Will be specified in the Letter of Award	Will be specified in the Letter of Award	Will be specified in the Letter of Award
Insurance in EUR per year	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable

The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

Additional benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for a **research grant in Germany** for 2 up to 6 months. **Please note: The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship.** Moreover, the payment of local monthly scholarship will be suspended during your short-term research stay in Germany.

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs which amounts to 1.000 € per month
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

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