

# **„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“**

## **Call for Scholarship Applications 2018 at IRGIB Africa University in Benin**

**Funded by the Federal Ministry for  
Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**

**Application Closing Date: 30th November 2017 for PhD candidates and  
31th May 2018 for Master candidates**

## 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.

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ DAAD offers scholarships for PhD and Master studies. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

The target group for scholarships are graduates and postgraduates from Sub-Saharan Africa with a first academic degree if applying for a master's programme, or with a Master's degree if applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue Master's or PhD courses in their home country (so called **In-Country scholarships**) or in another Sub-Saharan African country (**In-Region scholarships**).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with IRGIB Africa University by offering up to 5 In-Region and 2 In-Country scholarships for PhD and up to 6 In-Region and 3 In-Country scholarships for Master studies at IRGIB Africa University for the intake 2018.

## Application requirements

### Applicants

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree (Master candidates) or a two-year university 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 a Sub-Saharan 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 In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme Scholarships supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development.

The scholarships at IRGIB Africa University are available in the following fields:

- Biomedicine
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Pharmacology-Toxicology
- Chemistry and Environment
- Food Processing

## Place of tenure

IRGIB Africa University, 07 BP 231 Cotonou, Benin

## Duration and Commencement

The duration

- of the PhD programme is up to three years, **starting in January 2018**.
- of the Master programme is up to two years, **starting in November 2018**.

## Application and Selection Procedure

**The application process contains two steps.**

### First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at IRGIB Africa University using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. IRGIB Africa University has set their own deadlines.

IRGIB Africa University will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and short-list the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will also be availed to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain at least double or triple (optional) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

### Second step:

Pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal and register themselves and submit an DAAD application. The institution is requested to communicate the following information to the shortlisted candidates:

1. Register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered):  
<https://portal.daad.de>
2. 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)
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- Recommendation letter by university lecturers (Master 1, PhD 2)
- 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

PhD candidates have to submit the following additional documents:

- 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)

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Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Amount in EUR
Tuition fees Master	In-Country: Year 1: 1,395 Year 2: 1,500 In-Region: Year 1: 1,545 Year 2: 1,800
Tuition fees PhD	In-Country: Year 1: 2,175 Year 2: 2,550 Year 3: 2,700 In-Region: Year 1: 2,475 Year 2: 2,700 Year 3: 2,850
Study and research allowance	460 (Master) 920 (PhD)
Final allowance	1,025 EUR
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	300 EUR (Master In-Country) 450 EUR (Master In-Region) 500 EUR (PhD In-Country) 550 EUR (PhD In-Region)
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award
Insurance	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.**

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.

Contact and advice

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