

„In-Country / In-Region Scholarship Programme “

Call for Scholarship Applications for 2017 at Mbarara University

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

Application Closing Date: 28th February 2017

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 Eastern Africa country (**In-Region scholarships**). It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with Mbarara University by offering **up to 8 In-country/In-region Scholarships** for PhD and Master studies (3 PhDs and 5 Masters) at Mbarara University for the intake 2017.

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 (upper fourth of class)
- 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 Africa
- 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 Mbarara University are available in the following fields:

- Research and Management science
- Medicine
- Computer science

Place of tenure

Mbarara University, Uganda

Duration and Commencement

The duration of the PhD and Master programme is three years and two years respectively starting in September 2017

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps.

First step:

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

Mbarara 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 available 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)
- Official letter of admission or any other binding document guaranteeing admission to the host university / institution / network
- 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

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)

Closing date for the submission of DAAD scholarship applications in the DAAD Portal by the shortlisted applicants is 22/03/2017

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Amount in €
Tuition fees	the regularly charged amount
Study and research allowance	230 annually
Printing allowance	1025 once in the second and third year of study for PhD and Masters respectively
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	Masters (240 and 380) PhD (280 and 430) for In-country and In-region respectively
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	to be determined
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 lump sum for travel expenses

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

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