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| What are the Programme Objectives? | | One of the priority funding points to which the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) attaches particular importance in its Framework Programme on "Research for Sustainable Development” **(**[**www.fona.de/en/9847**](http://www.fona.de/en/9847)**)** is **Sustainable Water Management – NaWaM**:  "One of the major challenges of the future is to ensure the supply of clean water to the world population. Population growth, water pollution and the increasing water consumption per capita have a strong impact on water quality. In addition, expansive climate changes and change in land use influence global and regional water cycles and thus question the medium and long-term availability of water." In view of this background, the BMBF specifically promotes research projects to develop, adapt and internationally disseminate technologies and strategies for the sustainable management of the resource "Water". Of particular interest in this context are the thematic fields of Water and Energy, Water and Health, Water and Nutrition, Water and Environment, as well as Water in Urban Areas.  The DAAD Special Programme funded with the resources of the BMBF on "Sustainable Water Management" is focused on the promotion of young scientists from **Cambodia**, **Indonesia**, **Iran**, **Jordan**, **Kazakhstan**, **Kyrgyzstan**, **Laos**, **Mongolia**, **Myanmar**, **Tajikistan**, **Thailand**, **Turkmenistan**, **Uzbekistan** and **Vietnam**.  The programme "Study Scholarships and Research Grants for Foreigners" offers highly-qualified **doctoral students** from the above countries the opportunity to complete their PhD in applied research in the thematic fields of **“Water and Health”** (particularly, the treatment of emerging pollutants and pathogens in the water cycle) or **“Water in Urban Areas”** (particularly new approaches to urban water and wastewater infrastructure). Studies are carried out in Germany and should be technology-oriented. |
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| Who can  apply? | | Applications are open to excellently qualified **doctoral candidates** from the above-mentioned countries who graduated in disciplines with relevance to sustainable water management no longer than six years ago. |
| What can be funded? | | Applicants are invited to do a doctorate at a university in Germany. The scholarship includes an obligatory, six-month non-university internship in Germany. Eligible types of companies and organizations are listed in the attachment.  **The choice of the host university and the scientific supervisor lies with the applicants themselves.** |
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| Duration of the funding | | 48 months (36-month research period for Ph.D. studies in three 12-month sequences with an annual review on progress and professional ability, 6-month language course and 6-month internship during the scholarship term or at its end). The duration of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant’s work schedule. |
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| Value | | * Six-month intensive language course prior to the start of the research stay * Monthly payments of 1.000 Euro * Annual research allowance of 460 Euro * Flat-rate travel allowance for outward and return journey * Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover   Under certain circumstances, doctoral grant holders may receive the following additional benefits:   * Monthly rent subsidy * Monthly allowance for accompanying family members * Payment of course fees for the online language course “Deutsch-Uni Online (DUO) ([www.deutsch-uni.com](http://www.deutsch-uni.com)) for six months after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter * Allowance for a self-chosen German language course during the grant period * Reimbursement of the fees for the TestDaF test which is either taken in the home country after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter or in Germany before the end of the grant period   **Please note:** *Study trips or field work outside of Germany are not encouraged and cannot be funded.* |
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| Selection | | Applications will be reviewed by an independent selection committee consisting of experts in the relevant fields.  The decisive selection criteria for doctoral students / PhDs are the quality of the master's thesis, the relevance and quality of the doctoral programme, the academic achievements / proficiency in the master's degree programme in the home country and the English language skills.  Experience abroad and knowledge of other foreign languages can be of significance. Additional documents that prove academic capability or provide information about extracurricular activities will also be considered in the selection process. |
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| Requirements | | * Prior communication between the applicant and the academic supervisor is required. * As a rule, applicants should have graduated with a master’s degree no longer than six years before the time of application. * Applicants who have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the time of application cannot be considered * Proposals must be relevant to the two above mentioned thematic fields in applied research (please submit invitation, discussion of work schedule) |
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| Language Skills | | * Applicants are generally expected to have a good knowledge of English (TOEFL 80 or IELTS: 6.0) * If available, German language certificate (TestDaF, Zertifikat Deutsch, Deutsches Sprachdiplom, Sprachkenntnisformular DAAD) |
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| Application Procedure | | The application documents must be submitted in full to the DAAD Portal <https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>. |
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| Application  Documents | | * Application is online through the DAAD portal. You are also required to send one printed copy of the “Application summary” (pdf), generated by the DAAD portal after the online application procedure has been completed, and other appendices, by post to the application address. * Please note that the “Submit an application” tab in the scholarship database will only appear while the current application period is running. After the application deadline has expired, the portal is no longer available for this programme. * The access to the DAAD portal will open about 6-8 weeks before the application deadline.   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.   * Online application form * Letter of Motivation (1 page max., see attached instruction) * Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (3 pages max.) * List of publications (max. 3 pages), if applicable * Summary of the Master’s Thesis (2 pages max.) * Extensive and detailed description of the research proposal which needs to have been discussed with the academic supervisor of the German host institution prior to the application (max. 10 pages). The description must comprise a detailed schedule of the planned research work. * Confirmation of supervision by a scientist from a German university or higher education institution, with documentation of the supervisor’s cooperation with the relevant industries, organizations and/or municipalities. * One letter of recommendation by scientists of one's own choice must be submitted in a sealed envelope or must be sent directly by the referee to the DAAD in Bonn by the closing date for applications. **Please use the form under:**   <https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/recommendation.pdf>   * University degree certificate indicating final grade(s) (Bachelor and Master); the certificate must be submitted before the grant-supported research begins if it is not available at the time of application * All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade (transcripts of records), incl. explanation of grading system * Copy of school-leaving certificate which entitles holders to study at a university in the home country * Other documents which support your application (example: certificates of employment, proof of placement, etc.) * German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language * Language certificate as described above * APS Certificate (for Applicants from Mongolia and Vietnam) |
| Application Deadline | | **11. December 2015**  **Please note**   * Your application is only valid if you submit all required documents to the DAAD portal. * The DAAD portal will close at 24.00 hrs. Central European Time (CET) on the last application day. * Late or 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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