

## **1. DAAD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR ACADEMICS**

### **1.1 Fellowships for Young Researchers and Recent Post Doctoral Scholars**

**Objective:** These fellowships are meant for advanced studies and research at universities and research institutes in Germany to enable young scholars, scientists and university teachers to broaden their knowledge in their fields, to give them an opportunity to carry out research in Germany, and to familiarize themselves with current methods of research there.

**Target Group:** Candidates who are working as teachers in Indian universities or recognized institutes of university standard, Indian Institutes of Technology, and scientists at CSIR labs and institutes, and at research institutes of national importance.

**Duration of Fellowship:** 1<sup>st</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Fellowships are awarded, initially, for one year preceded by the mandatory German language courses, arranged and funded by DAAD. Upon application and proper documentation, the fellowships are extendable up to another 12 months.

**Commencement of Language Course:** 2-month German Language course in India conducted by the Max Mueller Bhavan (MMB) starting sometime in March/April; 4-month German Language course starting in the first week of June at a language institute in Germany.

#### **Fellowship Benefits:**

- a) Maintenance allowance of EURO 750 for Master's Degree holders, EURO 1000 for Ph.D. scholars. (Any changes will be notified on the internet)
- b) A lump sum towards air fare from India to Germany and back
- c) Exemption from payment of university tuition fees

- d) A study and research subsidy for those staying longer than 6 months
- e) Health insurance covered by DAAD
- f) Free tuition for German language Course at a MMB in India. Out station participants will also get a lump sum towards travel & lodging. Free tuition, boarding, lodging plus pocket allowance during the period of the German language course in Germany (preceding studies/research)
- g) Married scholars, whose fellowships are for longer than six months, and wish to call their spouses to Germany after the completion of the German language course, for a duration longer than 3 months, may apply for an extra family allowance
- h) Under special conditions where awardees are not able to rent accommodation within the financial limits, they can apply for an additional rent subsidy

**Conditions & Requirements:**

- **Degree/Prior Work Experience:** Candidates must possess a Master's degree with a first class at Master's or Bachelor's level plus at least two years of teaching or research experience;
- **Eligibility:** There should not be a gap of more than 6 years between the award of the last degree (M.A., M.Sc., M.Phil., etc.) and the application deadline (1<sup>st</sup> October) / for Post-doc candidates, the gap should not be more than 4 years between the award of the doctorate degree and the application deadline (1<sup>st</sup> October)
- **Domicile:** In general, candidates should be residing in India at the time of application. Candidates, who are currently in Germany are not eligible to apply if they have been there for longer than one year at the time of the application deadline (1<sup>st</sup> October). All short-listed candidates have to attend a personal interview.
- **Confirmation of Placement:** Candidates must have a recent-dated letter of placement from a German professor; scholars need a written confirmation that states that their research plan is feasible at the selected German university/institute, and that placement for the duration of at least one year to carry out research would be available. The confirmation should not be older than 6 months; failure to obtain such prior agreement will disqualify the candidate from the competition for this type of fellowship.

- **German Language Skills:** Candidates in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences must have a good knowledge of the German Language.
- **Note:** Preference will be given to candidates who are permanently employed and whose employers undertake to re-employ them on return; exceptions will be considered on an individual basis.

**Application Procedure:**

- **These fellowships are announced once a year by the New Delhi office of the DAAD.**
- The announcement of the fellowships is made sometime in **July/August**. Candidates **may apply only on** the Online Application Form. The application form is designed in an easy to use format, and will assist in the efficient processing the applications.
- **IMPORTANT:** Applicants are advised to print out the Online Application Guidelines, which provides a line-by-line explanation on how to fill out the online application form, before actually starting to fill in the form.
- The deadline for submission of applications is 1<sup>st</sup> October of each year.

**Subject Fields:**

- All areas of research, please note special guidelines for musicians, artist and scholar of medical sciences

**Note:**

These fellowships are not for obtaining Bachelors' or Masters' degrees in Germany!