

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

### **1.2 Sandwich Model Fellowships for Ph.D. Registered Scholars**

**Objective:** The "Sandwich Model" is a multi-phased fellowship scheme which allows scholars who are registered for their Ph.D. at an Indian university/institute to carry out research for their thesis alternately in India and in Germany under the supervision of an Indian as well as a German mentor according to a schedule previously drafted out in consultation with them.

**Target Group:** Open to scholars registered for a doctorate degree in India.

**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) Compulsory 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:** Candidates must possess a Master's degree with a first class at Master's or Bachelor's level.
- **Domicile:** Candidates must be residing in India at the time of application.
- **Time and Work schedule:** A detailed and comprehensive research proposal must be accompanied by a work- and time schedule agreed upon by the academic advisors, and signed by both in the home country and in Germany.
- **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.
- **Eligibility:** Candidates should have registered for their Ph.D. not more than **3 years** prior to the fellowship application deadline.
- **Registration:** Candidates must be registered for their Ph.D. Degree in India and should have already started working on

their thesis. The Doctorate Degree is awarded by the Indian university/institute exclusively.

***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 not special guidelines for musicians, artists and scholars of medical sciences