

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

### **1.3 Fellowships for Doctorate Studies in Germany**

**Objective:** These fellowships are for those who wish to carry out research projects at German universities /institutes for obtaining a Ph.D. degree there, especially for the structured doctoral study programmes, i.e. Research Training Groups or Doctoral Research Groups, International Postgraduate Programmes, Graduate Schools, Max Planck Research Schools, etc. Please check the following website for further information: [www.daad.de/ipp](http://www.daad.de/ipp)

**Target group:** Scholars with admission to a doctoral programme at a German university or institute.

**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

**Duration of Fellowship:** 3 years preceded by the compulsory 6-months' German language course. The award will initially be limited to one year. Extensions are then given one year at a time depending on the evaluation of the work done thus far.

**Conditions & Requirements:**

- **Eligibility:** There should not be a gap of more than 6 years between the award of last degree (M.A., M.Sc., M.Phil., etc.) and application deadline (1<sup>st</sup> October)
- **Qualifications:** A Master's Degree, with first class at Bachelor's or Master's level
- **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 an admission letter from a German university/ institute to study for a doctorate degree/ must get confirmation from the German university/ institute stating that they fulfil the requirements to carry out doctoral studies there;
- **German language skills:** Candidates in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences must have a good knowledge of the German Language.

Besides the core qualifications,

- Candidates should have detailed correspondence with German guide regarding the topic of the thesis;
- If field studies have to be done in India, this should be clearly stated in the research plan;

***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, artists and scholars of medical sciences