

3. LONG TERM SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONALS

Postgraduate Courses for Professionals with Relevance to Developing Countries

Objective: The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports a range of postgraduate courses at German Universities which aim at providing academically trained young professionals from Developing Countries with the opportunity of further specialised studies. The DAAD supports these selected programmes with a certain quota of scholarships and with financial assistance for a special tutoring system.

Target Group: Professionals holding an academic degree (a 4-year Bachelor's Degree or a Master's Degree in related subject) with at least two years of professional experience, relevant to the selected PG course. They should be from public administration or in the public or private enterprise sector. Ideally they should be engaged the planning and execution of directives and projects with emphasis on development policy having a bearing on the technological, economic or social areas.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Degree:** An above-average academic degree (a 4-year Bachelor's Degree or a Master's Degree)
- Work Experience:** At least two years relevant professional experience
- Age limit:** Each course has its own age limit, mostly it is 36 years at the time of application, for a few courses it is 32 years (check in details on each course)
- Language Skills:** **Courses in German:** DSH 2 or TestDaF 4; at the time of application German skills at level A2 are required. In addition German language courses at level A3 or B1 are highly recommended.
Courses in English: TOEFL (minimum score: 550 paper based, 213 computer based, 80 internet based) or IELTS (band 6) certificate Some courses may expect a different level. For detailed information see the website of the relevant course.
- Costs:** Self-financing students have to reckon with approximately EURO 10.000 per annum for living expenses. The language course would cost an

additional approximately EURO 1.500 per month.
(Partial scholarships are available that cover the language course, for self-paying students.)

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has carefully identified a few courses from the large number of PG courses available, in areas of:

- **Economic Sciences / Business Administration/ Political Economics**
- **Development Co-operation**
- **Engineering and related sciences**
- **Mathematics**
- **Regional Planning**
- **Environmental Sciences**
- **Agricultural and Forest Sciences**
- **Public Health / Veterinary Medicine / Medicine**
- **Education and Sociology**

If the applicant has no private financial resources, nor can s/he obtain a scholarship from his/her government, company or an international organization, s/he may apply for a DAAD scholarship - either full or partial, on the official application forms of the DAAD. Many courses, however, have their own forms which must be submitted in addition to the DAAD application forms.

Applicants are requested to state whether they will be financing the desired degree course individually or whether the course can only be taken with the assistance of a DAAD scholarship. **Chances of admission to postgraduate courses will be greatly enhanced for eligible academically qualified applicants with personal financial resources.**

Applicants for courses in German, with poor German proficiency, may be awarded a six-month scholarship for an intensive German language course, to be taken before the beginning of the PG course. Participants of PG courses in English will receive a scholarship for a two-month German language course to be taken prior to the commencement of the course.

Application procedure:

Information and DAAD application forms are available from the:

1. German Academic Exchange Service
72 Lodi Estate, 3rd Floor
New Delhi - 110003
Tel.: 24615148; 2461009; Fax: 24690919
Email: info@daaddelhi.org
2. German institution of higher education offering the course
3. Internet: Information: <http://www.daad.de/development>
Application Forms: <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/download/03118.en.html>
(click on the form 'application for research grants and study scholarships')

List of required documents (in the stated order):

- Application form/s
- Hand-signed CV (please use the europass specimen form available at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>)
- Hand-signed letter of motivation (with reference to current occupation)
- Research expose (if required by university)
- A recent dated (not older than 6 months) academic letter of recommendation from your university; the letter must have a signature and office stamp (not in a sealed envelope)
- A recent dated (not older than 6 months) professional letter of recommendation from your employer; the letter must have a signature and office stamp (not in a sealed envelope)
- Confirmation of employment from the employer in your home country, and when possible, a guarantee of re-employment upon your return home
- TOEFL or IELTS scores (if available also proof of German language ability)
- Certified copies of academic transcripts
- Certified copies of awarded academic degrees

Note: Some courses may require additional documents. For detailed information please see the relevant course introductions.

The relevant institution of higher education decides on admission to the postgraduate course and simultaneously submits a proposal on the allocation of scholarships. The final decision on the allocation of scholarships is made by the DAAD.

Note: All papers must be submitted in duplicate. Those applications, which do not clearly specify the desired degree course, or those that are not complete in all respects, cannot be processed, and will not be considered.

Those scholars who already have a Ph.D. degree, or are on faculty are advised not to apply, as they are over-qualified for these courses, and would hardly stand a chance. Exception to this would be the doctoral studies under "Development Studies" at the University Bonn, "Agricultural Economics and Related Sciences" at University Giessen / University Hohenheim, "PhD-Programme - Mathematics in Industry and Commerce - MIC" at University Kaiserslautern and a new programme "International Master Programme in Higher Education - MAHE" at University Kassel. These particular courses are open to young scientists and university faculty.

Application Deadline for most courses (please confirm from information on each course!):

German Academic Exchange Service in New Delhi: **August 31, 2008**

Respective German universities and Fachhochschulen: **please check respective university websites**

For most courses, applicants will be informed about the results of the selections sometime in February 2009.

For economic and environmental reasons, please avoid using sheet holders and plastic folders in your application. For our convenience, please do not punch or staple your papers, instead use only u-clips or send papers loose.