

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## In Country/In-Region Scholarship Programmes within Eastern Africa

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## I. GENERAL QUESTIONS

### 1) The course I want to study is not on your list. What do I do?

Refer to our database on other scholarship programmes available in Sub-Saharan Africa [here](#)

The overview of the supported programmes and institutions within Eastern Africa for the period 2019-2021 can be found on the DAAD Kenya website [www.daad.or.ke/en/find-funding/scholarship-programmes-within-east-africa/](http://www.daad.or.ke/en/find-funding/scholarship-programmes-within-east-africa/).

### 2) I am already studying or got accepted into a master's or PhD programme in an institution/programme that is not in the list of institutions DAAD is partnering with, can I apply for funding?

No, you can only apply to the courses listed in the [here](#) and/or on the DAAD Kenya website.

However, if you are a continuing student registered with any of the courses in the partner institutions for the intake period, you can apply.

## II. REQUIREMENTS

### 1) What language skills are required?

English is the language of instruction for the scholarship programmes within Eastern Africa.

### 2) What documents do I need to apply for the scholarship?

Check with the specific institution/university on the application modalities. In addition, the DAAD Call for Scholarship Applications include additional requirements for a DAAD scholarship. Note that you must apply directly to the institution and programme of your choice.

### 3) I am not able to get a confirmation letter for PHD supervision and an admission letter from the university/institution that I am interested in. What do I do?

Some universities/institutions may provide you with a pre-admission letter and/or a letter that confirms that supervisors will be assigned to you at a later stage while others may have a different approach.

Reach out to the contact person at the university/institution you are interested in to get more information on the application requirements and procedures.

### 4) My country offers only three-year bachelor programmes, can I apply?

Check with the university/institution you are interested in and whether your university degree certificates are recognized in the host country.

## III. APPLICATION DEADLINES

### 1) What are the deadlines for application?

The deadline for the 2020 intake is January 31, 2020.

### 2) The deadline for the course I am interested in is already over, can I still apply?

Unfortunately, this is not possible.

## IV. APPLICATION

### 1) Where do I send my application documents?

Applicants must send their application documents to the institution/network/research centre using the contacts and the procedure that is prescribed by the institution.

Applications sent to the DAAD Nairobi office will not be forwarded to the institutions and will not be considered for a scholarship.

Additionally, once you submit your complete application, please inform DAAD via Email that you have applied with the subject “**Your Surname\_First Name\_Institution’s Name**” to [applications@daadafrica.org](mailto:applications@daadafrica.org)

### 2) Where do I find the DAAD application form?

The DAAD application form is a system generated form which **only shortlisted candidates** can access following the pre-selection by the universities/institution. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by DAAD to submit their application via the DAAD portal sometime in April 2020.

### 3) Can I send my application electronically via Email or hard copy via postal service?

Follow the application modalities of the institution you are interested in.

### 4) Are there any country-specific regulations I should be aware of?

Confirm with your contact person at the university/institution you are interested in the country regulations on visa, recognition of degree certificate and other admission-related queries.

### 5) Do I need to be accepted for the masters/PhD programme before I apply for the DAAD scholarship?

No, that is not necessary. You will be applying for the admission into the institution and at the same time for the DAAD scholarship.

### 6) What documents do I need to submit?

See IV. APPLICATION point 1).

**IMPORTANT:** The University may require additional documents! Confirm with the specific university/institution.

### 7) How can I learn about the status of my application?

You will be informed by the university/institution that you applied for about the outcome of your application.

If shortlisted by the university/institution, DAAD will invite **shortlisted applicants** in April 2020 to log into the DAAD portal and submit their application documents.

### 8) Can I apply for the programme even though I am not from Eastern Africa?

Yes, as long as you are a citizen of a Sub-Saharan African country. Check with the institutions on recognition of your university degree in the host country.

## V. OTHERS

### **1) What does the DAAD Scholarship entail?**

Check the specific Call for Scholarship Application for the scholarship value. Generally, DAAD covers the following:

- University tuition fees
- research allowance
- monthly stipend
- travel allowance (where applicable)
- health insurance (where applicable)
- and the possibility of a study visit of up to 6 months to Germany within the period of the scholarship.

### **2) Is there an age limit?**

No, but the previous academic degree should not be older than 6 years at the time of application

### **3) Do I have to pay additional fees at the university/institution if I receive a scholarship?**

DAAD covers the university tuition fees as indicated in the application form and the official fee structure.

However, it is possible that some fees that are included in the official fee structure might not be eligible for funding within the DAAD scholarship programme, either because part of the DAAD stipends and allowances are expected to cover these expenses, or because other restrictions prevent DAAD from financing the items within a particular programme/course (e.g.: Registration/enrolment Fee, Laundry Fee, Caution Money or Activity Fee). Therefore, DAAD reserves the right to exclude these items from the payments.

Contact the university/institution for more clarification.

### **4) Can you advise me on other scholarships/programmes outside In-Country/In-Region programmes that I can apply?**

Please search for available scholarships in our DAAD scholarship database:

<https://www.daad.or.ke/en/find-funding/scholarship-database/>