

## **DAAD information regarding the coronavirus for all DAAD In-Country/ In-Region scholarship holders who are currently in Germany for a short term research stay**

We are following the developments regarding the spread of the coronavirus and its consequences with great concern. The DAAD has set up a crisis management team which is following the developments surrounding the corona pandemic closely and is reacting flexibly to changing conditions in order to secure the safety and interests of our scholarship holders. You can find up-to-date information on how the DAAD is dealing with the current situation surrounding corona on our homepage at <https://www.daad.de/en/coronavirus/>

**One important note regarding further communication with DAAD: all further communication should continue to go through the DAAD portal, as per usual. Your messages should be directed to your DAAD contact person(s) via the DAAD portal.**

As a result of the dynamic developments worldwide, we are now offering all DAAD scholarship holders in Germany the possibility to leave the country and return to their home country or host country in your home region to resume their In-Country/In-Region Scholarship. Kindly consider this option especially if the end of your short term research stay in Germany was scheduled within the next three months and if return travel to your home country or home region is currently possible (considering infection risks associated with the journey itself, travel restrictions by transit and destination countries as well as the availability of flights).

We ask you to remain calm and act calmly, i.e:

### **A) If you decide to remain in Germany**

If your university or host institution closes and you wish to stay in Germany, please follow the instructions provided. Try to pursue your scholarship goal as far as possible, for example by making use of e-learning possibilities.

Please pay attention to and participate in the recommended protective measures that are introduced in your federal state, in your city, or at your university.

Of course, your DAAD health insurance in Germany will remain fully intact for the duration of your scholarship and includes coverage of costs that may arise.

Your scholarship will be paid as usual.

### **B) If you decide to return to your home country or host country in your home region**

Should you wish to leave Germany due to the current situation regarding the virus, please inform your responsible DAAD scholarship section. Please take note of the following points:

- Return travel costs will be covered (and will be offset against possible travel allowances already paid by DAAD).
- Your scholarship will be paid in full for the month of your departure. If you return to your university in your home country or home region to continue with the degree programme, you may then resume your In-Country/In-Region Scholarship. If your host university is also closed because of the coronavirus, please inform your contact person at the DAAD to receive further information.
- DAAD insurance cover is valid until your departure to your home country or host country in your home region.

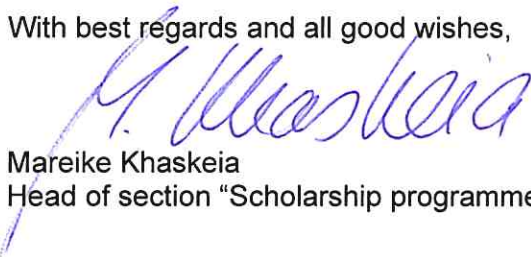
If you have not yet done so, please update your current private postal address in Germany as well as your landline and/or mobile phone number on the DAAD Portal ("Personal Funding" - "Application and Funding Overview" - "Options" - "Change Personal Data") so that you can be reached and assisted in case of an emergency. Please also make sure to regularly check your e-mails and portal messages.

Please also consult the websites of your diplomatic missions / Embassies to obtain up-to-date news on the crisis.

As you may have read in the press, all schools and kindergartens in Germany have been closed. This is also leading to staff shortages in some DAAD sections. We will do our best to stay in contact with you.

We would like to ask you for a short feedback **only in the case you want to return to your home country**. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

With best regards and all good wishes,



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