

DAAD information for all DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders regarding the coronavirus

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/>

We ask you to remain calm and act calmly.

One important note regarding further communication with DAAD: this message was sent to you via E-Mail for technical reasons. However, your replies to DAAD and 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) in the DAAD portal.

As the pandemic may also be affecting your host university, you have the option to either continue with your scholarship or to interrupt/discontinue it.

A) Continuing your scholarship

In case your host university has been or will be closed, please inform your contact person at the DAAD and send us a link to the website of your university that contains information on the closure. If you are funded as an In-Region scholarship holder and as such, studying outside your home country, you may return to your home country if the host university has been closed. Even if your host institution has not been closed (yet), we would like to give all DAAD In-Region scholarship holders the option to return to their home country, e.g. if they feel safer there or if they wish to be with their families. In either case, please keep the coordinators of your degree programme/your supervisors updated about your decisions. Return travel costs will be covered (and will be offset against possible travel allowances already paid by DAAD).

Try to pursue your scholarship goal as far as possible even during university closures, for example by making use of e-learning possibilities or other ways to study/do research from home. If you continue your study or research project, for now, your scholarship will be continued. Decisions about the further continuation are closely linked to the developments of the situation.

Kindly also note that, if you decide to continue with your scholarship despite university closures and other difficulties related to the pandemic, these months of funding will count towards the maximum duration of your scholarship.

If you are an In-Region Scholarship holder who usually receives health insurance benefits under the scholarship, the coverage and refund procedures will not be affected by the recent developments until you are otherwise notified.

If you have received your scholarship payments from your host institution or a German embassy and this is no longer possible due to closures, please inform your contact person at the DAAD as soon as possible.

Please note that, unless you are otherwise notified, the regular deadlines for scholarship extensions will be kept as scheduled. Please try to collect all the necessary documents in time and consider that it might take longer due to the situation at hand. If you are unable to receive the documents on time due to circumstances related to the pandemic, please inform your contact person at the DAAD.

B) Interrupting/discontinuing your scholarship

If you wish to – or are forced to – interrupt or discontinue your studies or your research, please inform your DAAD contact person through the DAAD portal as well as the coordinator/supervisor at your host institution as soon as possible. In this case, the scholarship will be paid throughout the month of the interruption and the following month. If it is possible to resume the studies or research at a later point, the scholarship may be paused - without payments - for up to six months and be resumed later. This option also applies if you wish to return to interrupt your studies even though your host institution is not (currently) affected by closures related to the pandemic. Return travel costs will be covered (and will be offset against possible travel allowances already paid by DAAD).

These up to six months of interruption will not count towards the maximum duration of your scholarship.

General information, applicable in both scenarios

Please inform your DAAD contact person through the DAAD portal which option you choose. And if you have not yet done so, please update your current private postal address 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.

With best regards and all good wishes,


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