

DAAD information regarding the situation surrounding the coronavirus pandemic for all **successful international applicants for a short term research stay in Germany within their DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship**

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, it has become necessary to postpone the start dates of our already awarded scholarships. If you have been awarded a DAAD scholarship which has not yet commenced and your scholarship is due to start before 1st July 2020, please take note of the following points:

- We kindly ask you to get in touch with your supervisor in Germany and inquire about the possibility of postponing your stay to sometime after June. Should you not have a supervisor, please get in touch with the contact person at your German host university. Please then inform your contact person within the scholarship section responsible for your region and let them know whether you can postpone your stay.

In some cases, such a postponement would exceed the regular duration of your In-Country/In-Region Scholarship. It is also possible that the short-term research stay might not fit in the academic schedule of your degree programme at a later point. Regrettably, under such circumstances it might not be possible to postpone the short-term research stay and instead, it has to be cancelled altogether.

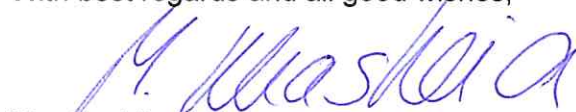
- Should you have already booked a flight to Germany that cannot be refunded in full, please inform your contact person at the DAAD. Cancellation fees can be covered by the DAAD (offset against possible travel allowances already paid by DAAD).
- **If you are already in Germany even though your DAAD funding has not yet started and you are unable to return to your home country, please do let us know as soon as possible** so that we can initiate further measures if necessary.

Please also make sure to regularly check your e-mails and portal messages and make sure the information provided is up to date.

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 hope you understand that the unforeseeable circumstances caused by the outbreak of Covid-19 make it necessary to postpone all upcoming stays to Germany. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

With best regards and all good wishes,



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