

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Germany

for DAAD-Alumni of the In-Country/ In-Region Programme from Sub-Saharan Africa

Call for Scholarship Applications 2021 at universities or research institutions in Germany

Funded by the German Federal Ministry for
Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Application Closing Date:

Application date for	Fellowships starting
March 1, 2021	July 1, 2021
April 1, 2021	August 1, 2021
May 1, 2021	September 1, 2021
June 1, 2021	October 1, 2021
July 1, 2021	November 1, 2021

Scholarships will be awarded subject to the provision of funds



The In-Country/In-Region scholarship programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Sub-Saharan Africa with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development.

By training future academic and professional leaders, the programme contributes to the following **long-term impacts**:

- Qualified professionals' involvement in the solution of development-related problems in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Postgraduates strengthening education and research in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Structural strengthening and regional networking of partner institutions and partner universities

The purpose of the postdoctoral fellowship programme is to provide opportunities to **DAAD alumni of the In-Country/In-Region programme** to conduct, under the guidance of their host institutions, co-operative research at a German university or other research institutions. The programme is designed to augment opportunities for post-doctoral researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa.

The objective for fellows is to undertake research during the tenure of the award.

The project should not be a reworking or mere extension of the candidate's doctoral research project. That means:

- The fellowship should advance the candidate's research profile.
- The host and the candidate must have established close communication and devised a concrete research plan.
- The implementation of the fellowship should contribute to promoting exchange between German and Sub-Saharan African universities.

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Application requirements

Applicants

- have to be Alumni of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) within the In-Region/In-Country Scholarship Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa.
- must have completed their PhD degree not more than six years ago.
- must hold an academic position at a university or research institution in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- have to be invited by a German host institution (please note: DAAD does not find or introduce host institutions.)
- have to be nationals of a Sub-Saharan African country.

Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

Eligible fields

Applications may come from all subject areas with strong relevance to national or regional development.

Place of tenure

The fellowships are tenable at any university or research institution in Germany.

Duration and Commencement

The awards are tenable for a period of **three to six months** and are **not renewable**.

Application Procedure and Deadline

Applicants will be required to:

Register and apply online via the DAAD-Portal under the tab “Personal Funding”/ “Application“:

https://portal.daad.de/sap/bc/bsp/sap/z_set_cookie/setcookie.htm?fund_ar=stv&id=57588198

For technical questions regarding the DAAD-Portal, please contact portal@daad.de

Documents to be submitted

- DAAD application form, duly filled (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum Vitae (please use the europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including list of publications (if applicable)
- Letter of Motivation
- Letter of invitation from a German host institution
- Research proposal (at least 5 pages)
- Detailed time and work plan (which must have been arranged in advance with the host researcher in Germany)
- Confirmation from a German professor stating that he/she will host the applicant during the stay
- 2 recommendation letters by academic referees
- PhD certificate (certified as true copy of the original certificate)
- Award Letter from previous DAAD scholarship that indicates your personal identification number (PKZ-/ID-number)

Scholarship funding

The fellowship consists of:

Item	Payment	Amount
Monthly Instalment	monthly	2.000 EUR
Travel Allowance	once (at the beginning of the fellowship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award</i>
Health insurance	monthly	DAAD will provide an an accident, personal liability and health insurance

The DAAD will endeavor to transfer/pay out the first payments as quickly as possible after the scholarship holder has arrived at the host institution. Nevertheless, it is recommended to bring a financial reserve for the first time period.

The travel allowance and the honorarium cover all costs arising from and in connection with the travel and stay. This may be, for example, visa fees, costs for health checks or vaccinations, baggage costs or luggage insurance and taxable charges.

Please note that programmes which run for up to six months do not provide for families to join the grant holder and consequently the DAAD does not pay any family allowances.

Terms and Conditions

At the end of the fellowship, the fellow has to provide a detailed report on the findings of the research co-signed by the hosting researcher and give further information on future co-operation and academic activities.

Contact and advice

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