

Application papers

- Abstracts of the Master thesis or Ph.D. thesis are expected as well as a detailed explanation for your application. A written confirmation by a German supervisor is not necessary.
- Detailed information on what application papers need to be submitted can be found on the Application Form for "Research Grants and Study Scholarships" ("Antrag auf ein Forschungs-/Studienstipendium"), on the Internet (www.daad.de/en/2.7.3.html) or can be obtained from the diplomatic and consular representations of the Federal Republic of Germany, from DAAD Lektors, from the DAAD regional offices or Information and Advice Centres, and from partner organisations.
- The DAAD will not consider incomplete applications.

Country-specific information, dates and deadlines, application address and advice

- The DAAD website www.daad.de/stipendien provides further specific information for applicants from your home country. This information includes the language skills which applicants from your country of origin must meet, any special age-limit regulations which may apply, as well as information on the exact deadlines for the submission of the application papers and on where applications should be sent.
- Applications must not be sent direct to DAAD head office in Bonn.
- The above-mentioned websites will also provide the addresses of institutions which you can contact in your home country for further information and advice.

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www.daad.de/stipendien

Helmholtz-DAAD Scholarships
in Germany for 27 Doctoral
and 12 Postdoctoral Students

Closing date for applications:
15 December 2004

Objective

- These scholarships provide young foreign academics and scientists with an opportunity to complete a research project or a programme of continuing education and training at a research institute which is member of the Helmholtz Association. The research topics are specified by the Helmholtz Centres themselves and are to be found within the current scholarship announcement on the DAAD homepage.
Information is also available on the website www.helmholtz.de/fellowships.

The "Helmholtz-DAAD Scholarship" may be used for the following purposes:

- Research projects with the aim of gaining a doctorate (PhD) in the home country (this also includes the doctoral programmes offered for developing and transition countries under the "DAAD Sandwich Model", see leaflet, which is also available on the Internet www.daad.de/extrainfo);
- Research projects with the aim of gaining a doctorate in Germany; in such cases, the doctorate is gained at a German university which collaborates closely with the host Helmholtz Centre;
- Research projects or continuing education and training programmes for post-docs.

Duration

- Depending on the project in question, the applicant's work schedule and the planning of the respective Helmholtz Centre, the support can be provided for a period of between one and three years.
- Support for full doctoral programmes is limited to 36 months. Even where support is intended for a full doctoral programme, awards will initially be confirmed for a maximum of one year only. Extensions then depend on whether or not the evaluation finds the previous award period to have been successfully completed.

Value

- Post-docs receive a monthly scholarship instalment of 1,840 euros; no further payments can be made. The host Helmholtz Centre is responsible for deciding on whether or not to fund a two-month language course.
- The DAAD will pay a monthly award of min. 975 euros plus travel and luggage costs and a health insurance allowance. Should the occasion arise DAAD will pay family-related allowances.

Requirements

- Applications for "Helmholtz-DAAD Scholarships" are open to excellently-qualified university graduates who hold a Diplom or Master's degree at the time they commence the supported research or who have already gained their doctorate/PhD (Post-Docs).
- Doctoral candidates wishing to gain a doctorate/PhD in their home country will be expected to have already been admitted to an appropriate programme at their home university.
- Besides previous study achievements, the most important selection criterion is a convincing and well-planned research project or programme of continuing education and training to be completed during the stay in Germany.
- German language skills are generally required, although the required level also depends on the applicant's project and topic, as well as on the available opportunities for learning German in the applicant's home country. In the natural sciences and in engineering disciplines, in particular, and when English is spoken at the host institute, proof of good English language skills may also be accepted (TOEFL: 550/217).
- The award of DAAD research grants for doctoral candidates and young academics and scientists is subject to an age limit for applicants of 32 (Doctorate in Germany) and 36 years (Doctorate in the home country). The country-specific information on the DAAD homepage will provide you with more detailed information.
- Post docs must have gained their doctorate in the year 2003 or 2004.
- Special information for medical students: University degrees must be equivalent to the German "Approbation" (licence to practise medicine) – that means proof of at least seven years of specialist training and permission to practise as a medical doctor in the home country (registered doctor).