

Call for Applications:
Development-Related Postgraduate Courses
Master's Scholarships in the framework of the
Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation

Countries of focus: Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana,
Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, Tunisia
2021

What are the objectives of the programme?

This programme is designed to further qualify future leaders in selected fields and to prepare them in practice-oriented courses for their professional life. Very good graduates with a first university degree and with at least two years of related professional experience after the first degree (bachelor) get the chance to obtain a master's degree in disciplines that are of special relevance to the development of their home country in the fields mentioned below. On completion of the academic education a six month practical phase will follow. With this programme, DAAD intends to support the improvement of employability: The programme contributes to the provision of academically qualified experts for the economic development within the special initiative's core areas.

Who can apply?

The scholarship programme is open to graduates from Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal and Tunisia with mandatory focus in the following assigned fields:

- Development of business parks and industrial zones
- Agrobusiness and Value Creation
- Automotive and Mobility
- Information and Communication Technology/ Digital Economy/ New Technologies (including Renewable Energy/ Energy Efficiency)
- Textile Industry

Target group

The programme is open for very well qualified graduates with a first university degree (bachelor or equivalent) and at least two year of relevant working experience in the relevant fields (see above) who want to actively contribute to the social and economic development of their home countries. It is offered both for young graduates with professional experience and for mid-career professionals.

What is fundable?

- **Scholarship of currently monthly 861 €** for selected master's programmes at German institutions of higher education listed below. The study programmes are usually starting in Sep/Oct 2021 and are taught in German and/or English.
- contributions to **health insurance** in Germany
- appropriate **travel allowance**
- **study and research subsidy**
- monthly **rent subsidy** where applicable,
- **allowances for spouses and/or children** where applicable.
- **2-months-German language course** prior to the beginning of the respective course.
For courses taught in German: 6-months-German language course from April 2021 to September 2021. The language course takes place at selected institutes in Germany and usually not at the universities of the selected master's programmes. The language course is compulsory.
- **scholarships for a six month practical phase after graduation possible**

The scholarship holders are offered a **special tutoring** at their host institutions financed by DAAD. Furthermore, the scholars are invited to participate in different networking events.

DAAD-scholarship holders are **exempt from tuition fees**.

Requirements

Main DAAD selection criteria:

- study results so far
- Proof of Language Skills:
 - English – IELTS or TOEFL
 - German – required for courses taught in German

Note: For detailed information see the relevant master's course description on their web pages

- at least two years of working experience in a relevant field at the time of application
- a convincing description of the subject-related and personal motivation for the study project in Germany and the expected benefit when returning to the home country

Most recent university degree should be obtained **in the last six years** prior to the application for the scholarship.

Applicants who have **stayed in Germany for more than 15 months** at the time of the application deadline are **not** considered as **eligible**.

All master's courses have further additional requirements that must be fulfilled by the applicants in any case.

Application process

Step one

Applications must be submitted in German or English.

Please indicate in your application that you are applying for the **Programme Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation**.

You are allowed to submit your application for **up to two master's courses** listed below.

Fill in the [DAAD Application form for Research Grants and Study Scholarships](#) only **once** making clear which study course is your first and which is your second priority.

Step two

Write **one letter of motivation for both university courses you choose**, justifying your first and second priority choice.

Step three

Send the DAAD scholarship form together with the letter of motivation and accompanied by the necessary documents listed below to **the two courses** of your choice. Do **NOT send it to DAAD**.

Necessary documents:

The **necessary documents** are:

- DAAD [Application form for Research Grants and Study Scholarships](#) (only electronically editing possible)
- **Personally signed** letter of motivation (with reference to current occupation), maximum 2 pages with reference to the current employment.
IMPORTANT: When applying for more than one postgraduate course (maximum 2 courses), you have to submit one motivation letter explaining why you are applying for these specific courses and why you chose that priority.
- Personally signed and dated full curriculum vitae including information about the precise field of your studies and, if applicable, description of job experience
- acquired university degrees *
(please attach an explanation of the grading system)
- transcript of records *
- Recent language certificates (German and/or English)
- One letter of recommendation, signed and recently dated by your current employer, supplemented by an official letterhead, and stamp (not in a sealed envelope)

* Please refer to the Website of the according course to check if certified copies are necessary

Application deadline

There are different application deadlines depending on the courses (see below), applications have to be submitted at the respective course. For further information concerning the application way, please visit the website of the according course.

Please submit only legible copies of your documents.

Please consider that illegible documents can lead to a formal rejection.

Applications sent to the DAAD **will not** be forwarded to the respective course/university. They become property of the DAAD and will **not** be returned. The applicant has no right to claim for reimbursement.

In case your application is sent to more than two universities or if non-specific priorities are given your application will not be accepted.

Only complete applications can be accepted.

If you fail to follow the given procedures, you will be excluded from the application process

Selection Step one

A selection committee consisting of university professors and DAAD representatives meets and suggests potential candidates for the

DAAD scholarship.

Step two

The shortlisted candidates are contacted by DAAD to **upload their complete application** to the DAAD Portal.

Important: Make sure that you have a **copy of each document of your application** ready, as those documents (as PDF files) have to be uploaded to the DAAD Portal in case you are shortlisted for a DAAD scholarship!

Step three

All applicants will be informed at the end of the selection process

Contact and advice

For more information, please contact the person in charge of the master's programmes listed below.

Information concerning the Coronavirus crisis:

Although a start of the programmes in time cannot be guaranteed, DAAD and the cooperating universities are checking on possibilities to ensure the planned start of semester (including the preparatory language courses) should the travel restrictions not be lifted in time (i.e. by implementing online courses or by postponing the begin of the semester).

Information will be updated accordingly.

**Begin Winter Semester 2021/2022, application deadline
15.03.2021:**

1. **U Hohenheim**, Agricultural Economics - AgEcon
(www.uni-hohenheim.de/agecon)
Language of instruction: English
Email: agecon@uni-hohenheim.de
2. **U Leipzig**, Small Enterprise Promotion and Training – SEPT
(<http://www.sept.uni-leipzig.de>)
Language of instruction: English
Email: sept@uni-leipzig.de

**Begin Winter Semester 2021/2022, application deadline
30.03.2021:**

3. **TU Dortmund**, SPRING – Regional Development Planning and Management
(www.spring-master.net)
Language of instruction: English
Email: application.spring@tu-dortmund.de
4. **TU Dresden**, Hydro Science and Engineering
(<http://hse-master-programme.de>)
Language of Instruction: English
Email: contact.hse@mailbox.tu-dresden.de
contact@hse-master-programme.de
5. **TH Köln**, Integrated Water Resources Management – IWRM
(<http://www.iwrm-master.info>)
Language of instruction: English
Email: info-iwrm@itt.th-koeln.de
6. **TH Köln**, Renewable Energy Management (REM)
(<http://www.rem-master.info>)
Language of Instruction: English
Email: info-rem@itt.th-koeln.de
7. **U Stuttgart**, Master in Infrastructure Planning
(www.mip.uni-stuttgart.de)
Language of instruction: English
Email: elke.schneider@mip.uni-stuttgart.de

Begin Summer Semester 2022, application deadline 31.08.2021:

- 8. HTW Berlin, Master's Programme International and Development Economics**
(<http://mide.htw-berlin.de/>)
Language of instruction: English
Email: mide@htw-berlin.de

Please ensure that you meet all admission requirements of the master's course of your choice before you apply at a maximum of two courses listed above.