

# Research Grants – Short-Term Grants • DAAD

## Overview

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### Objective

The primary aim of this programme is to promote research projects within the context of doctoral programmes.

### Who can apply?

Excellent-qualified doctoral candidates and young academics and scientists who have completed a Master's degree or Diplom, or in exceptional cases a Bachelor's degree at the latest by the time they begin their grant-supported research, or those who have already completed a PhD (postdocs).

Doctoral candidates who are doing their entire doctorate at a German university are not eligible to apply.

### What can be funded?

A research project or course of continuing scientific education at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany, which is being carried out in coordination with an academic adviser in Germany.

### Duration of the funding

- One month to a maximum of six months; the length of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule.
- The grant is non-renewable.

### Value

- Depending on academic level, monthly payments of  
euros 861.- for graduates,  
euros 1,200.- for doctoral candidates and postdocs
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover
- [Travel allowance \[https://static.daad.de/media/daad\\_de/pdfs\\_nicht\\_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad\\_reisekostenzuschuesse\\_stipendiaten.pdf\]](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/im-ausland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_reisekostenzuschuesse_stipendiaten.pdf)
- In the case of a disability or chronic illness: subsidy for additional costs which result from the disability or chronic illness and are not covered by other funding providers: [Further information \[https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/mobility-with-a-disability/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/mobility-with-a-disability/)

### Selection

An independent selection committee consisting of specialist scientists reviews applications.

Central selection criteria are:

- a convincing and well-planned research or training project
- academic achievements

Furthermore, additional documents submitted that prove the applicant's professional aptitude or provide information about extracurricular commitment will also be included in the evaluation.

For further information on the selection procedure, please refer to the [Important Scholarship Information \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/) / Section E.

## Application requirements

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### What requirements must be met?

- As a rule, applicants should not have graduated any longer than six years before the application deadline. If you already hold a doctoral degree, you should not have completed your doctorate more than four years ago. Doctoral candidates should not have started their doctoral degree any longer than three years previously.
- Applicants who have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline cannot be considered.

#### Note:

For applicants from the fields of human medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry, other regulations are applicable. Please refer to the leaflet "Additional information on DAAD Research Grants for applicants from medical fields" ([www.daad.de/extrainfo](http://www.daad.de/extrainfo)) (<http://www.daad.de/extrainfo>).

### Language skills

- The required language level depends on the applicant's study plans and subject: In the arts, social sciences and in law, at least a good knowledge of German is usually expected. For the natural sciences and engineering, proof of good English language skills may also be accepted if English is spoken at the host institute.

## Application Procedure

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### Application documents

Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations may be scanned in non-certified form and uploaded to the DAAD portal. The DAAD reserves the right to request certified copies of the documents.

#### Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal:

- Online application form
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (max. 3 pages)
- List of publications (max. 10 pages), if applicable
- A proposal, prepared and formulated by yourself, as well as a description of previous research work (max. 5 pages with max. 3.000 characters without spaces per page plus 2 pages of graphics if necessary). A proposal is an extensive and detailed description of the research project which has been discussed with the academic adviser. Please also read our [Important Scholarship Information / section B, point 2](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/) (<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/>).
- Schedule of planned research work
- Letter confirming supervision by an academic adviser in Germany, which refers to the applicant's proposal and confirms that the host institute will provide a workplace
- University degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the grant-supported research begins if it is not available at the time of application.
- Other documents which support your application (example: certificates of employment, proof of practical training/internships, etc.)
- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system.
- German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language (to be uploaded with the corresponding documents)
- Proof of admission to a doctoral programme at the home university insofar as the applicant intends to take a doctoral degree there
- Language certificate in the language in which the research is carried out (German or English)

**Current note:** If a language certificate is part of the application documents, please note the following: In the absolute exception, if you are unable to submit a language certificate due to Corona (e.g. due to the closure of universities or language test centres and if no digital language test is possible either), please upload an appropriate justification with a self-assessment of your current language level according

to the [CEFR \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/cefr/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/cefr/) instead of the missing document (tips for self-assessment of your language skills can be found [here, under section A, point 8 \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/)).

In these cases, the absence of a language certificate does not lead to a formal rejection of your scholarship application by the DAAD. However, submitted language certificates are included in the assessment. If you acquire language certificates after the application deadline, please submit them later.

Please note that you will still need proof of language proficiency in order to apply for a place at a German higher education institution and thus to be able to take up the scholarship.

#### **To be submitted by post:**

One recent reference from a university teacher which provides information about your qualifications (hand-signed, no digital or scanned signature). Please regard the instructions given on the tab "Submitting an application".

The application procedure occurs online through the DAAD Portal. Please note that the access to the application portal only appears while the current application period is running. After the application deadline has expired, the portal for this programme is not available until the next application period.

The access to the DAAD portal generally opens about 6 weeks before the application deadline at the latest.

To apply, please select the call for applications for this programme in the scholarship database ([www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)). From here, you can enter the portal by clicking the tab "Submitting an application".

### **Application deadline**

Application deadlines are updated at least once a year. In most cases, they are in the same period as the previous year. You can find the current dates here:

November 15th for stays that start between June and November of the following year;

May 2nd for scholarships that start between December of the same year and May of the following year

### **Application location**

Akademická informacní agentura (AIA)

Dům zahraniční spolupráce

Na Poričí 1035/4

CZ-110 00 Praha

email: [aia@dzs.cz](mailto:aia@dzs.cz)

Contact: Ms. Tereza Habanova

Tel.: 00420 221 850 504

#### **Please note**

- Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time.
- For submitting references by post, the postmark date serves as proof that they have been dispatched on time.
- (If further documents are to be submitted by post, please send them as soon as possible.)
- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day.
- Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete.
- The application documents remain with the DAAD. Data relating to applicants is saved by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act and with the EU Data Protection Regulation insofar as this data is needed to process the application.

### **Contact and Consulting**

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#### **Information and advisory centres**

DAAD Information Point Prag  
c/o Goethe Institut  
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110 00 Prag 1  
Czech Republic  
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WWW.: <http://www.daad.cz> [<http://www.daad.cz>]

### More detailed information

- DAAD website section "[PhD studies and research](https://www.daad.de/deutschland/promotion/de/)" [<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/promotion/de/>]
- Website "[Research in Germany](https://www.research-in-germany.org/en.html)" [<https://www.research-in-germany.org/en.html>]
- Website "[GERiT – German Research Institutions](https://www.gerit.org/en/)" [<https://www.gerit.org/en/>]
- DAAD website "[Important information for DAAD scholarship applicants](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/)" [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/>]

### Further information

<http://www.daad.cz>

DAAD-Lektors at Czech universities

Please also take note of our [important scholarship information](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/) [<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/>].

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