

„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa

Call for Scholarship Applications 2018 at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

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

Application Closing Date: May 31st 2018



Programme Objectives

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), as a publicly funded, self-governing organisation of the institutions of higher education in Germany, promotes international academic exchange as well as educational co-operation with developing countries through a variety of funding and scholarship programmes.

As part of the “In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme”, DAAD in close collaboration with the GIZ assisted programme “Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)” is able to offer scholarships for postgraduate studies. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) within the framework of the special initiative “One World – No Hunger”.

The target group for scholarships are graduates and postgraduates from Africa with a first academic degree if applying for a Master’s programme, or with a Master’s degree if applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue Master’s or PhD courses in their home country (so called **In-Country scholarships**) or in another African country (**In-Region scholarships**).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with KNUST by offering up to two scholarships for Master studies and up to four for scholarships for PhD studies at KNUST for the intake 2018.

Application Requirements

Applicants

- must be preselected by KNUST according to DAAD selection criteria;
- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree (Master candidates) or a two-year university degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (upper third of class);
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment;
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction;
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application;
- must be nationals or permanent resident of an African country;
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector or d) DAFI-Alumni (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative).

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

PhD-scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

Master-scholarships are granted for generally two years. Scholars also need to demonstrate satisfactory progress after one year. All further information will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

Eligible fields

Applications may come from the subject areas of land administration and management, land economics, natural resource economics, environmental economics, development economics, real estate development and management, environmental law, development studies, urban and regional planning, urban development and management, geomatics (GIS & Surveying), geography, natural resource management, agriculture economics and other land related fields with strong relevance to national development.

The scholarships at KNUST are available in the following programmes:

- *MPhil Planning (by research)*
- *MPhil Development Studies (by research)*

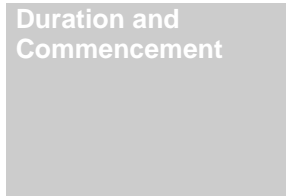


- *PhD Planning (by research)*
- *PhD Development Studies (by research)*



Place of Tenure

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana



Duration and Commencement

The duration

- of the PhD programme is generally four years
- of the Master programme is generally two years

generally **starting in October 2018**. Students already enrolled in the programmes can also apply for scholarship for the remaining period.



Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps.

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at KNUST using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. KNUST has set its own deadlines.

KNUST will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and shortlist the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will also be availed to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain preferably triple (at least double) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Second step:

Pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal and register themselves and submit an DAAD application.

1. Register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered): <https://portal.daad.de>, **Deadline: May 31st 2018**
2. Apply online via the DAAD-Portal under the tab "Personal Funding"/ "Application"

Documents to be submitted:

- DAAD application form duly filled (available in the DAAD-Portal);
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable);
- Recommendation letter by university teachers (Master 1, PhD 2);
- Letter of admission for the host university / institution / network;
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts;
- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits");
- Copy of the passport

PhD candidates must submit the following additional documents:

- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor;
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including detailed work and time table (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits");

- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)

Closing date for the submission of DAAD scholarship applications is May 31st 2018

Scholarship Funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Amount in EUR
Tuition fees	the regularly charged amount
Study and research allowance	Master: 460,00 per year PhD: 920,00 per year
Printing allowance	1.025,00 in the last six months of studies
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	Master In-Country: 355,00 Master In-Region: 400,00 PhD In-Country: 500,00 PhD In-Region: 555,00
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award</i>
Insurance	<i>Standard tariff; if applicable an equivalent of EUR 69,- per month, refund upon request and presentation of an original receipt of payment</i>

The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

Additional benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for a **research stay in Germany** for 2 up to 6 months. Please note: **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

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