

Staff exchange programme

Background

The DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) is a publicly funded, self-governing organisation of the institutions of higher education in Germany. It promotes international academic exchange as well as educational co-operation with developing countries through a variety of funding programmes. Within the framework of the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA), the DAAD implements a comprehensive scholarship programme.

Objectives

The staff mobility programme aims to improve the quality and quantity of training and research on land governance at African universities by fostering South-South exchanges. The programme promotes demand-driven teaching and research and fosters mutual knowledge and institutional specialisation in the field of land governance and land management.

The staff exchange programme is meant for:

- Implementing education and/or training events (e.g. master class, workshop etc.);
- Supporting activities from the regional nodes to NELGA partner universities/research institutes;
- Implementing curricula developments and/or reviews;
- Facilitating the organization of guest lectures;
- Other similar activities.

Eligible applicants

Applicants must

- be senior staff at a NELGA partner university;
- be invited by a NELGA partner university;
- be nationals of an African country;
- be granted leave of absence by their home institution to teach at the host institution.

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

Eligible fields

Applicants must have a background in land governance / land management or a related field, including 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 land and national development.

Grant, terms and conditions

The exchange allowance consists of:

- A flat-rate travel allowance: EUR 280.- for in-country, EUR 430.- for neighbouring countries, EUR 630.- for in-region, EUR 980.- for out of region;
- A weekly allowance of EUR 300.- (EUR 1,200. - per month).

All costs related to the travel and stay of the fellow shall be covered by both the travel and daily allowances (i.e. no further reimbursement of visa fees, costs for health checks or vaccinations, baggage costs or luggage insurance, taxable charges etc.). The funds will be transferred to the German Embassy, the institution in the host country or the fellowship holder's personal bank account.

At the end of the staff exchange the fellow must provide a detailed report on the findings of the teaching and give further information on future co-operation and academic activities.

The host institution shall provide the local expenses such as lodging, board, local transportation and medical care during the stay. The home institution shall maintain the payment of the salary and benefits for the duration of the fellowship.

Tenure

The staff exchange can take place in any accredited NELGA partner university for a period of one up to four months. The staff exchange allowance is not renewable.

Application procedure

Applicants are required to:

1. **register** online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered): <https://portal.daad.de/>
2. **apply** online under the following link https://portal.daad.de/sap/bc/bsp/sap/z_set_cookie/setcookie.htm?fund_ar=stv&id=57388760

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 format available at <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including list of publications (if applicable);
- Invitation by the host institution;
- Concept note (generally 3-5 pages) indicating the duties and functions including detailed time and work (teaching) plan, as well as information on the target group for the teaching;
- Proof of leave of absence by the home institution to work temporarily at the host institution.

Applications can be handed in at any time, but at least three months before the intended visit at the host institution.

Selection criteria

The most important selection criteria are:

- Added value of the exchange in regards the mandate of NELGA;
- Academic / Scientific relevance of the exchange;
- Quality and level of detail of the concept note.

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