

Research Fellowship Announcement for the programme “Strengthening Capacities in Land Governance in Africa”



Programme objectives

The 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.

Within the framework of the programme “Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa” (SLGA) the **DAAD** (German Academic Exchange Service) provides research fellowships for young candidates pursuing a Master’s or a doctoral degree in Land Use Management / Land Governance.

The aim of the programme is an enhanced implementation of land policy with due regard to marginalised groups such as smallholders, pastoralists and women by African institutions and professionals in selected countries.

SLGA is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It is jointly implemented by GIZ (German Corporation for International Cooperation), DAAD, African Land Policy Initiative (LPI) and the World Bank.

DAAD is offering up to 60 fellowships for field studies until 2020.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must

- have completed at least a first university degree (undergraduate) at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education;
- be enrolled or a staff member at one of the NELGA network universities or associated institutions;
- return to their studies at the end of the fellowship;
- be nationals of an African country;
- be granted leave of absence by their home institution for the purpose of conducting a field study.

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.

Place of Tenure

The fellowships are tenable in the field, at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Africa.

Duration

One month to a maximum of six months, depending on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule. The grant is non-renewable.

Value

The fellowship 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 one-off research/study allowance of EUR 460.-

The fellowship does not cover living expenses. It can only be awarded once per year.

Terms and Conditions

At the end of the fellowship the fellow must provide a detailed report on the implementation of the field study and its findings.

Application Procedure

Applicants will be 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=57388733

For technical questions regarding the DAAD-Portal, please contact
portal@daad.de

Documents to be submitted:

- Curriculum Vitae (please use the Europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including list of publications (if applicable);
- Extensive and detailed description of the research proposal which has been agreed upon with the academic adviser and a description of previous research work (max. 10 pages);
- Schedule of planned research work;
- Letter confirming supervision by an academic adviser at the host institute, which refers to the applicant's proposal and confirms that the host institute will provide a workplace (not applicable for studies in the field);
- All university certificates received so far on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system;
- one recent reference from a university teacher which provides information about your qualifications.

Deadline

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

Payment

The funds will be transferred to the German Embassy, the institution in the host country or the fellowship holder's personal bank account.

Selection Criteria

The most important selection criteria:

- a convincing and well-planned research project or course of continuing education, necessary for the success of the research project;
- academic achievements.

Additional documents that prove academic suitability or provide information about extracurricular activities will also be considered in the assessment.

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