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KOSPIE Combined study and practice stays for engineers from developing countries Tunisia • **DAAD**

Overview

Objective

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the scholarship programme "Combined study and practical stays for engineers from developing countries (KOSPIE)" with funds from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). As part of this programme, young students from Tunisia from engineering subjects (including a focus on green engineering) and informatics complete a 6-month study and practical stay at selected German universities to carry out their final thesis project. The selected German universities for the cohort 2026 are Technische Universität Chemnitz, Technische Universität Dresden, Hochschule Offenburg and Hochschule Schmalkalden.

The focus is on the practice-oriented training of specialists and managers from Tunisia. The long-term goal of the scholarship programme is to contribute to the sustainable development of Tunisia. The beneficiaries of the pro-gramme should ideally later work in development-related areas and thus make a contribution to strengthening the private and/or public sector in their home country. Alumni of the programme are prepared for the technical/professional requirements of their future work and the practice-oriented and international profile of the alumni increases their employability. They plan to apply their skills in a field of activity relevant to their home country or home region.

The following programme objectives are derived from the long-term developmental impacts sought:
Scholarship holders enhance
(a) their scientific and technical skills,
(b) their practical ability and
(c) their general and intercultural competence.

Who can apply?

Master’s students resp. diploma students enrolled in the engineering sciences (including a focus on green engineering) and informatics at a state or state-recognised university in Tunisia.

What can be funded?

Stays at the selected German universities for implementing a final project (projet de fin d’études) as part of an engineering course at a Tunisian university.

Applicants have the choice between the following host institutions:

Technische Universität Chemnitz
Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology: Professorship Measurement and Sensor Technology
Further information [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/steckbrief_tu_chemnitz.pdf]

Technische Universität Dresden
Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Faculty of Computer Science
Faculty of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Faculty of Business and Economics: Chair of Business Information Systems
Faculty of Civil Engineering
Faculty of Environmental Sciences
“Friedrich List” Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences
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Hochschule Offenburg
Department of Electrical Engineering, Medical Engineering and Computer Science:
Institute for Machine Learning and Analytics
Institute of Reliable Embedded Systems and Communication Electronics
Institute of Sustainable Energy
Further information [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/steckbrief_hochschule_offenburg.pdf]

Hochschule Schmalkalden
Faculty of Computer Science
Faculty of (Mechanical) Engineering
Further information [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/steckbrief_hochschule_schmalkalden.pdf]

Duration of the funding

The duration of funding is **6 months**. The funding can begin no earlier than February 01, 2026 and must be completed no later than August 31, 2026.

Fixed start of funding according to the higher education institutions
Technische Universität Chemnitz: February 01, 2026 or March 01, 2026
Technische Universität Dresden: February 01, 2026
Hochschule Offenburg: March 01, 2026
Hochschule Schmalkalden: March 01, 2026

Value

- Scholarship payments of 992 EUR a month
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover
- Travel allowance

Please note that the **DAAD does not cover semester or tuition fees** and that they have to be paid by the scholarship holder her- or himself.

The following higher education institutions **require enrolment**:

- Technische Universität Chemnitz
- Technische Universität Dresden
- Hochschule Schmalkalden

The following higher education institution **does not require enrolment**:

- Hochschule Offenburg

Selection

An independent selection committee consisting of specialist scientists and academic representatives of the selected German host universities reviews applications.

If the number of applications exceed the expected scholarship quota by far, the DAAD reserves the right to carry out a pre-selection.

The universities reserve the right to contact applicants for video interviews before the final selection takes place.

The **selection criteria** are described in the following:

Academic qualification

- Academic achievements

- School leaving certificate
- Course of studies
- Knowledge of the language of instruction or working language
- If applicable, relevant internships, work experience

Quality of the study and practical project

- Quality of the study and practical project and of the preparation (preliminary information and choice of host university)
- Integration of the project into the course of study, if relevant

Potential of the applicant

- Motivation: academic and personal reasons for the stay in Germany, German language skills, if applicable (if different from the working language)
- Prospects: Significance of the stay in Germany for further academic, professional and personal development
- Extracurricular commitment: extracurricular knowledge and skills, social commitment

In addition, the selection committee will give due consideration to aspects of equal opportunities, on which you can provide information in the application form.

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/] / Section E.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

Proof of completion of the preparatory course for engineers (cycle préparatoire) or proof of admission to the engineering course (cycle d'ingénieur) with the aim of obtaining the engineering diploma (diplôme d'ingénieur) at a Tunisian university.

Language skills

Very good knowledge of English (proof of language abilities; not older than 2 years on the day of the application deadline; TOEFL iBT with at least 78; IELTS with at least 6.0; TOEIC Listening & Reading with at least 750; onSET with at least B2).

Application Procedure

Application deadline

April 30, 2025

Application deadlines are updated at least once a year. In most cases, they are in the same period as the previous year.

Application documents

Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal

- Online application form
- Personal identification document (e.g. passport, ID card etc.). Please upload under "Miscellaneous" in the DAAD portal.
- Full curriculum vitae in tabular form (max. 3 pages).
- Statement about academic and personal reasons for the planned study and practical project in Germany (letter of motivation; 1-3 pages). In particular, please explain the reasons for choosing your preferred host university(ies) in Germany and the potential research

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- School-leaving certificate (baccalauréat) which entitles holders to study at a university in the home country (with all individual grades)
- All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system
- Proof of admission to an engineering programme at the home university or proof of successful examination of the cycle préparatoire (if applicable)
- Proof of English language abilities, not older than 2 years on the day of the application deadline (TOEFL iBT with at least 78; IELTS with at least 6.0; TOEIC Listening & Reading with at least 750; onSET with at least B2)
- Form "Selection of host higher education institution" [https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/word-excel-nicht-barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/selection_of_host_higher_education_institution_de_en.docx] for the preferred higher education institutions in Germany signed by a university teacher of the applicant's Tunisian home university
- One recent, supporting letter of recommendation from a university teacher of your home university which provides information about your qualifications. Please regard the instructions given on the tab "Submitting an application".
- Other documents the applicant thinks might be of relevance to the application (e.g. certificates of employment, proof of internships)
- German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language

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.

Application location

DAAD Portal (see "Submitting an Application")

Please note

- 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.
- The application is only valid if the applicant submits all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time.
- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day. If possible, please do not send your application on the final date in case technical problems occur.
- 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.

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Please note that the host institutions are pleased to answer your questions, but they will not provide you with any letters or e-mails of support resp. supervision. It is not necessary to have a confirmation of German supervision at the time of application.

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