

„Nigerian-German Postgraduate Training Programme Master/PhD“

**Call for Scholarship Applications for 2020
in Germany**

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.

In cooperation with the Petroleum Technology Development Fund of Nigeria and subject to programme resources, DAAD is offering up to **30 scholarships** for a Master programme in Germany and up to **20 scholarships** for a PhD programme in Germany in 2020.

Application Requirements

Applicants:

- must be preselected by the PTDF;
- have successfully completed generally a three-year Bachelor's degree (master candidates) and a two-year Master's degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results in a field related to the oil and gas industry;
- have relevant pre-qualification in the academia, industry or public sector;
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment;
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago, at the time of application;
- must be nationals or permanent residents of Nigeria.

Eligible Fields

Eligible programmes must be related to the oil and gas industry.

Duration of funding and Commencement

The funding period

- of a Master scholarship is a maximum of 30 months
- of a PhD scholarship is a maximum of 45 months

starting in September/October 2020.

Please note that the Master scholarships are awarded for 24 months first and can be extended in case of need 6 more months. The PhD scholarships are awarded for one year and can be extended annually on application for a further year up to a total of 45 months. A selection committee consisting of independent German professors decides on the extension, which depends on the progress the scholarship holder made.

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains four steps.

First step:

Applicants must apply for a scholarship with the PTDF using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution.

PTDF will screen, pre-select and short-list the applicants. Please find more information on <https://ptdf.gov.ng/>

Second step (after successful selection by PTDF):

- i. The complete documents (see below) should be submitted to DAAD by the applicants via the DAAD-Portal. The PTDF will make the link to the DAAD-Portal available to the pre-selected applicants.
- ii. 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);

- Copies of academic degrees, whereby the Bachelor's degree must have been passed with at least second class upper division and a Master's degree with at least a B+ grade (or equivalent);
- Two academic/professional reference letters from university professors/ top level industry supervisors.
- Proof of language proficiency: TOEFL (not less than 87 points) or IELTS (not less than 6.5 points);

Master candidates must submit the following additional documents:

- Motivation letter indicating three possible Master programmes in Germany or admission letter if already available;

PhD candidates must submit the following additional documents:

- Detailed and precise abstract of research proposal (not more than 10 pages) including a detailed timetable;
- Invitation letter of a German academic supervisor;

Please note that Master programmes as well as PhD positions in Germany can be found on www.hochschulkompas.de.

Final selection is done by a bi-national committee through personal interviews of the candidates in Nigeria. Selection criteria are, amongst others, general academic performance as well as a convincing and detailed proposal, discussed and agreed with the German supervisor, a convincing motivation for the chosen Master's degree course respectively.

Third step – Only for Master students - (if the admission to a German university on the day of the selection was not available yet)

A scholarship is only effective if the applicants gain admission to a study program in Germany! If admission to a German university for the winter semester 2020 is not yet available on the day of the selection meeting, it must be submitted in good time for the start of the winter semester 2020. The DAAD is not able to intervene in or influence the admission process of the universities. The applications deadline for a study start in autumn 2020 is July 15th 2020 at most universities. Nevertheless, universities set their own deadlines and therefore they may vary. Applicants must inform themselves about the respective deadlines for applications.

Fourth step:

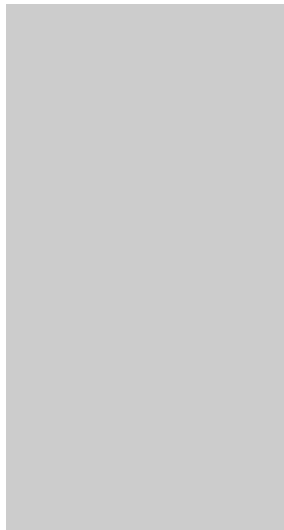
All successful selected candidates with admission to a German University will be enrolled for a 4 months German language course from 1st June to 1st October or a 2 months German language course from 1st August to 1st October 2020. Scholarship holders who did not get admission to a German University in time can take part in a language course which takes place during their studies.

Scholarship Funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Amount in EUR
Monthly Scholarship (for accommodation, food etc.)	Master: 850,00 € PhD: 1.200,00 €
Travel allowance (outward and return journey)	1.025,00 (twice)
Health insurance, accident and liability insurance, nursing care insurance	DAAD standard tariff
Study and research allowance	460,00 per year
Printing allowance for PhD thesis	PhD: 1.025,00 in the last six months of studies

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2-4 months German language course in Germany including all costs/ course-related language course	
Travel costs to host institution during language course	50,00 (max. twice)
Travel costs to host university after language course	50,00
Family allowance for family members who stay with the scholarship holder in Germany (lump- sum, i.e. independent of the number of family members)	400,00 per month
Further allowances	To be determined individually/ DAAD standard tariff

The scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

Contact and advice



PTDF Nigeria

info@ptdf.gov.ng or www.ptdf.gov.ng

How do I find a suitable Master programme?

Finding a suitable Master programme in Germany can be very time-consuming, since there are many opportunities. Even though the application period for Master programmes does not start before May to start in winter semester, it is important for your scholarship application to already figure out for which programmes you want to apply for and how these programmes suit to your interests and qualifications.

University or University of Applied Sciences?

In Germany, there are several types of higher education institutions that focus on either science or practice. To decide which Master programmes suit best for you, it helps to know the differences:

<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/the-right-university/>

Do I meet the requirements?

To check if you meet the requirements for your degree programme, this database helps you. Enter your country of origin and the type of degree you have already accomplished to see if you are qualified for a direct admission at a German university:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/57293-daad-database-on-admission-requirements/>

Ready? Go!

Now it's time for your research: Let's find you some Master programmes! Click on the links below to browse through those important databases. You can filter the options. Choose your aimed degree, the field of study you are interested, a location if you prefer one, the course language and the type of higher education institution. You have many options, good luck finding the best ones for you! If you have specific questions regarding the programmes, you can contact the International Offices of the universities.

Databases for all current study programmes in Germany:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/studiengang/en/>

<https://www.hochschulkompas.de/en/study-in-germany.html>

Database for international programmes in Germany:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/international-programmes/en/>

Good to know

The application deadlines for study programmes in Germany are quite strict and are different from programme to programme, even within the same university. For a start in winter semester they usually end sometime between May and July. Therefore, it is recommended to note them down when you are doing the research, so you are prepared once the application period starts.

How do I find a suitable PhD position?

Before you start to find a PhD position in Germany, you should explore the different models of doctoral studies, the modalities and the types of institutions that offer PhD positions. To get a good overview, please follow that link:

<https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/phd-studies-and-research/phd-studies-in-germany/two-ways-to-do-your-phd/ways-to-your-phd/>

Do I meet the requirements?

Finding a suitable PhD position means a lot of research in advance. Amongst other things you should inform yourself about the requirements for a PhD position. This also includes the admission to doctoral studies with a foreign degree. Here you can find information on that topic:

<https://www.hochschulkompas.de/en/doctoral-studies/preparing-for-a-doctoral-degree/admission-requirements/doing-a-doctorate-with-a-foreign-degree.html>

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Databases for all current PhD programmes in Germany:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/promotion/phd/en/13306-phdgermany-database/?promotiontype=&subject=5386&workinglang=5392&town=&paid=5405&q=&page=1&back=1>

<https://www.hochschulkompas.de/en/doctoral-studies.html>

Database for international programmes in Germany:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/international-programmes/en/>

No PhD position without supervision

The good news is: You are not alone during your doctoral studies! Every PhD candidate has a supervisor for their work, but it can be tricky to find one. The following website contains helpful hints on searching for a suitable supervisor:

<https://www.hochschulkompas.de/en/doctoral-studies/preparing-for-a-doctoral-degree/supervision.html>