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## Transcript of Lecture:

### WINNING THE DAAD IN-COUNTRY/IN-REGION PROGRAMME

### SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA SCHOLARSHIP

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# Objectives Of The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme

As part of the "In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme," DAAD offers scholarships for Ph.D. and Masters studies. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally-oriented higher education systems in Sub-Saharan Africa with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development. To this end, scholarships are granted for development-related masters or doctoral studies to individuals who plan to pursue a career in teaching and/or research at a higher education institution in Sub-Saharan Africa. Thus, graduates are qualified to take over key positions at their regions of origin.

The programme also aims to reinforce the participation of women and underprivileged groups and strengthen the organizational, financial and personal capacities of partner institutions.

## Benefits Of The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme

The value of the scholarship varies from region to region, and from country to country. Generally, the scholarship covers:

- Tuition fees.
- Travel and visa cost.
- Monthly allowance.
- Study and research allowance.
- Printing allowance.
- Tuition fees.

Only applicable for In-Region scholarship holders:

- Travel allowance
- Health insurance.

### Additional Benefits

There are virtual and physical training opportunities, including a 6-month research visit to Germany. Scholarship holders are eligible to apply for one of six interdisciplinary summer schools offered in Germany during their funding period:

- i. Heidelberg University – *Enhancing Academic Qualifications in Teaching and Research in Public Health*
- ii. HAW Hamburg – *Education And Research-oriented Training in Health Sciences*
- iii. TH Cologne – *Data to Decision: Assessment of the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus*
- iv. University of Frankfurt – *Environmental and Remote Sensing Data Analysis via Geospatial Technologies in Research and Teaching*
- v. ABI Freiburg – *Contested Governance*
- vi. University of Leipzig – *Project Development for Knowledge Transfer*

There are opportunities for post-doctorates in Germany (after graduation). For programme/university across SSA, please see the [[Attached Documents](#)] section. Alternatively, you can visit:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=in-country&page=1&detail=10000486>

## Method Of Application

The method of application varies from university to university. Typically, the application follows a two-step process, viz:

1. Applicants submit their scholarship applications to the host institution. Please note that universities set their internal deadlines. Inquire at the various universities for the exact dates.
2. After a pre-selection has been conducted, shortlisted applicants will be asked to submit their applications again via the DAAD portal for the final selection. Please note that the application procedure may differ between regions and host institutions.

The specific application instructions regarding each host institution are listed in the respective calls for applications. For program/university-specific application procedure and/or application timeline, please check:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=in-country&page=1&detail=10000486>

It is important to add here that the calls for Masters and Ph.D. In-Country/In-Region scholarships in Southern Africa (at the time of this lecture) are currently open through June 15th.

## Required Application Documentation

For pre-selection by universities, documents to be submitted may vary from one university to another. Typically, the following documents are required for the pre-selection and post-selection stages, respectively:

- Curriculum Vitae.
- Letter of motivation.
- A research proposal.
- Letter of acceptance from a potential supervisor (not always).
- Certificates and transcripts.
- DAAD application form duly filled in (available at the DAAD-Portal).
- Hand-signed curriculum vitae, including a list of publications (if applicable). Kindly use the European specimen form available at [<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/home>].
- Recommendation letter from university lecturers (Masters, 1; Ph.D., 2).
- Letter of admission from the host university.
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts.
- Letter of motivation and a timetable including the planned research stay in Germany (if applicable, see [[Additional Benefits](#)])
- Copy of international passport.
- Information on the UNHCR registration as a refugee (if applicable).

Ph.D. candidates have to submit the following additional documents:

- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor.
- Detailed and precise Ph.D. proposal, including detailed work and a timetable including the planned research stay in Germany (if applicable, see [[Additional Benefits](#)])
- Abstract of the research proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal).

## Elaborating On The DAAD In-Region Scholarship Programme In South Africa

### Background Of The Programme

In many developing countries, top-level university teachers are scarce, especially in the area of development-related subjects, thus limiting the quality of university education. Due to the small number of highly qualified lecturers, it is not possible to provide enough adequate study places. A well-developed higher education sector is essential for training the professionals and managerial staff that can be highly conducive to the political, economic, and social success of developing countries.

The In-Country/In-Region Programme in South Africa aims to contribute to train highly qualified professionals and managerial staff for sustainable development in the partner countries and for the development of top-quality, cosmopolitan universities. The programme thus offers scholarships to future university teachers from developing countries for postgraduate courses and for doctorates. They study at universities in their home country or at highly qualified institutions in the region, some of which are organised in networks.

The partner universities and partner institutions are intermediaries but profit directly from the programme through tuition fees. The regional focus of the programme is sub-Saharan Africa; however, very similar programmes are run in Central America, South America, South and South-East Asia, and the Middle East.

## Benefits Of The Programme

1. Tuition fees.
2. Study and research allowance paid annually (Euro 490 for Masters, Euro 920 for Ph.D.).
3. Printing allowance paid ones at the end (Euro 450 for Masters, Euro 500 for Ph.D.).
4. Monthly stipend (Euro 450 for Masters, Euro 500 for Ph.D.).
5. Travel allowance paid twice (to be indicated in the award letter).
6. Health insurance (to be indicated in the award letter).
7. Visa associated cost to be reimbursed.
8. Research/lab associated cost to be covered by the host institution.

Other benefits include: training opportunities; research visit to Germany; and postdoctoral opportunity in Germany after graduation.

In addition to all the benefits highlighted above, The DAAD Information Centre, Johannesburg, invites 50-70 scholarship holders to take part in a networking conference in South Africa each year. The conference provides the scholarship holders with a platform for exchange, discussion, and networking and the opportunity to enhance and sharpen various skills needed in higher education through high-quality workshops.

## Universities Eligible For The Programme

The following universities/departments are participating in the DAAD In-Region Scholarship Programme in South Africa:

- a. *Rhodes University, Department of Biochemistry/Microbiology*. The subject field is Microbiology and Biochemistry (Ph.D. only). Since 2019, there have been no new calls for this scholarship, which I attribute to the current global Covid-19 crisis.
- b. *University of Witwatersrand, African Centre for Migration and Displacement (ACMS)*. The subject field is Migration and Displacement Studies (Masters and Ph.D.). Please see the [\[Attached Documents\]](#) section for more information about this scholarship.
- c. *Stellenbosch University (SUN)*. Subject fields (Masters and Ph.D.) are Molecular Biology; Human Genetics; and Mathematics. Please see the [\[Attached Documents\]](#) section for more information about this scholarship.
- d. *DAAD-NRF In-Country Scholarship (South Africans only)*. Information about this scholarship is available at [\[https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/de/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?detail=10000279\]](https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/de/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?detail=10000279).

## Method, Timeline and Requirements Of Application

Since the methods of application are not the same for each scholarship and university, please refer to the PDF files in the [\[Attached Documents\]](#) section. For South Africans interested in the DAAD-NRF In-Country Scholarship, please go to [\[https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/de/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?detail=10000279\]](https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/de/21148-stipendiendatenbank/?detail=10000279).



# Salient Points For Applicants Aiming To Win The Scholarship

While preparing to search/apply for any DAAD scholarship, it is important to note the following:

- I. There is no one-size-fits-all method for application to DAAD scholarships. DAAD is the largest scholarship provider with over 200 Scholarship Programmes, Regional Offices, and Information Centres (ICs) in more than 60 countries. So, methods of application vary sometimes, even within the same scholarship category.
- II. It is important to identify a scholarship of interest that one is eligible for and read the application procedure.
- III. In addition to the benefits usually itemized in the adverts, DAAD scholarships come with additional benefits.
- IV. Please submit documents exactly as advertised. When you are asked to submit a Europass CV, please submit the same.
- V. Be sure your recommendation letters are letterheaded, signed, and stamped. If the application specifically requests that the letters be "hand-signed", please do not sign electronically.

## Attached Documents

<b>In-Country/In-Region Programme: Host Institutions 2021</b> Link: <a href="#">daad_in-country_in-region_scholarship_programme_host_institutions.pdf</a>	 daad_in-country_in-region_scholarship_proq
<b>In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme South Africa</b> Link: <a href="#">st32_call_for_scholarship_applications_south_africa_wits_acms.pdf</a>	 st32_call_for_scholarship_applications_south_africa_wits_acms.pdf
<b>In-Region Scholarship Programme South Africa</b> Link: <a href="#">st32_call_for_scholarship_applications_south_africa_sun_mbhg.pdf</a>	 st32_call_for_scholarship_applications_south_africa_sun_mbhg.pdf

## Questions & Answers

<b>Q:</b> Do I need to submit any standardized test for application?	<b>A:</b> No, you do not need GRE, IELTS, etc., for you to apply.
<b>Q:</b> Can I travel with a dependent during my scholarship period? If yes, do they get stipends and other benefits too?	<b>A:</b> Yes, you can travel with a dependent, but DAAD or host institution will be responsible.
<b>Q:</b> Is there a difference between the In-Region Scholarship and the In-Country Scholarship in terms of the DAAD Scholarships?	<b>A:</b> In-Region is when one is studying in a host institution within their region. For example, sub-Saharan Africa but not in your country. On the other hand, In-Country is when you study in your country, like the DAAD-NRF Scholarship. Furthermore, there is no travel allowance and health insurance coverage for In-Country scholars since they study within their country.
<b>Q:</b> I heard there are always issues with visa processing for In-Country/In-Region awardees, especially for scholarships obtainable in South Africa. Any clarification?	<b>A:</b> It is true for Nigerians generally going to South Africa, but this is not a peculiar problem for DAAD In-Region scholars.