**DAAD EPOS SCHOLARSHIP 2023/2024**

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* **General overview about DAAD and DAAD-EPOS Scholarship**

<https://www.daad.de/en/>

* **Benefits of the Scholarship**

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=&origin=&subjectGrps=&daad=&intention=&q=epos&page=1&detail=50076777>

* **Required documents for the scholarship**
* Signed DAAD application form with the current date.
* Personally signed CV. Use the sample Europass form available at [http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/home] with the current date. I find it easier to use the template in MS word format.
* Personally signed letter of motivation (with reference to current occupation and choice of the postgraduate programme, two pages maximum) with the current date. Note that you have to submit one motivation letter for all the courses when applying for more than one postgraduate course (maximum 3 courses).
* Letter of recommendation from your current employer. The letter must have a letterhead, signature, and official stamp and must be of the current date (not in a sealed envelope).
* Certificate(s) of employment from the employer(s) proving a minimum of two years of relevant working experience (after the bachelor's degree) at the time of application. If possible, I advise including a guarantee of re-employment from your current employer upon returning home.
* Proof of Language Skills (English – IELTS or TOEFL). Some schools accept a Letter of English Proficiency from your home institution in Nigeria in place of the above. I advise mailing the school for confirmation before commencing.
* Copies of academic degrees (certified translation if necessary).
* Copies of academic transcripts, including grading scale (certified translation if necessary).

**Note that some courses may require additional documents. Please see the relevant course description in the brochure [*Attached Documents*] and the respective websites for detailed information. It is important to note that incomplete applications cannot be considered.**

* Overview of different programs on the scholarship

List of programs:

<https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/epos-bewerbungsdeadlines_2023-24.pdf>

Full details about each program:

<https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/daad_programmbroschuere_entwicklungsbezogene_studiengaenge_2023-24.pdf>

* **Motivation letter**

The best way is to start early by creating a draft of your motivation letter. Depending on your program of interest, it can be one page or two pages. The following steps can be followed as a rough guide:

**1. Write down your interest, why you want to pursue further studies in that field.**

**2. Write down the basic knowledge and work experience you have in that field of study.**

* 1. **3. Provide some information about the following:**
  2. **i.** What will the master's program offer you?
  3. **ii. What will the course enrich you with?**
  4. **iii.** Why do you want to study that course in that particular school?
  5. **4. Write down your study plan and career goals.**

Note that the final document should be in a letter form, signed and dated while following the guidelines outlined above.

* **CV**
* Should be detailed and well written in a chronological manner.
* Educational background, work experience, awards, publication etc
* Use Action words.
* Should include the following
* Profile
* Educational Qualification
* Professional/Academic experience – state your tasks/responsibilities and achievements
* Skills and interest
* Awards and honours
* Publications
* Conferences workshops attended.
* Additional education - MOOCs
* Professional Affiliations
* Leadership and volunteering experiences
* References