

DAAD Scholarship Programmes for Postgraduate Studies & Research in Germany

Do you want to do a Ph.D. in Germany?

Does your research require specialized facilities?

Do you want to improve your professional skills?

Germany's broad spectrum of research facilities enjoy high international prestige and exhibit a high degree of innovation. Germany offers a unique network of university and non-university research, which collaborates closely with industry and commerce. Highly qualified scientists and specialists from all over the world find a warm welcome in our network of top-level research which is nurtured by the international exchange of ideas and people.

The DAAD offers financial support for individuals who want to go to Germany for research or further professional qualification. DAAD grants are available to graduate students, academics, and professionals and are open to applications from all fields.

In the following you will find a brief overview of the scholarship programmes the DAAD offers in the P.R.China. Scholarships are competitive and recipients are selected by independent selection committees on the basis of outstanding academic records and convincing and feasible project proposals or statements of purpose. Grantees are expected to return to China at the end of the scholarship period.

Language requirements

Applicants are required to have excellent language proficiency in German or English (IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL iBT 80 / TEM 8).

Application

Application forms and further details about the DAAD scholarship programmes can be obtained from our website at www.daad.org.cn. You may also contact the DAAD Beijing Office by our e-mail at scholarship@daad.org.cn or by phone.

Completed applications must be returned to our office **by mail**. Applications sent by e-mail or fax, incomplete applications or applications postmarked after the given deadline will not be considered.

Postgraduate Studies

Postgraduate Courses for Professionals with Relevance to Developing Countries

Scholarships for a number of selected Master Courses which provide young professionals with further specialised studies to improve their skills. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree and have at least 2 years of related work experience. Please refer to the DAAD homepage www.daad.org.cn for current course offers.

Duration: 1 - 2 years, depending on the selected course

Age limit: at the time of application, no more than 6 years should have passed since gaining the last degree

Application deadline: July 31 at DAAD Beijing office (or later if applying directly to the university)

Value per month: 750 - 1000 EUR, + health insurance allowance

Scholarships for Artists

These study scholarships provide holders of a degree in Fine Art, Design, Film, Music, Architecture, or Performing Arts with an opportunity to complete a course of extension studies, without gaining a formal degree or qualification, at a state institution of higher education in Germany.

Duration: 1 year

Age limit: at the time of application, no more than 6 years should have passed since gaining the last degree

Application deadline: September 15

Value per month: 750 EUR + health insurance allowance + international travel and luggage costs

Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Studies

Scholarship Programmes for PhD Studies in Germany

(in cooperation with the China Scholarship Council - CSC)

Financial support for individuals who would like to carry out a PhD research project at a German higher education institution or non-university research institute. Grants are available to graduate students with a Master's degree and PhD candidates from both universities and research institutes in China and are open to all disciplines.

"Sandwich"-type Scholarship for Doctoral Candidates

Grants for Chinese PhD candidates who will carry out a research project in Germany with the aim of gaining a doctorate at the home university in China.

Duration: 7 months - 2 years

Age limit: at the time of application, no more than 3 years should have passed since starting the doctorate

Research Grants for Full Doctoral Studies in Germany

Grants for holders of a Master's degree with the aim of gaining a PhD degree in Germany

Duration: max. 3 years, in exceptions for max. 4 years

Age limit: at the time of application, no more than 6 years should have passed since gaining the last degree

Application deadline: Applications have to be submitted in parallel both to the DAAD Beijing Office and to the CSC office in Beijing before March 20 (For detailed information please refer to www.csc.edu.cn).

Language requirements: Applicants should have excellent language proficiency in German or English (IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL iBT 80 / TEM 8). Successful applicants with limited German language knowledge will start a compulsory German language training in September. For candidates from the natural sciences and engineering the length of the German language training is one semester, for candidates from the humanities and social sciences the length of the language training is two semesters.

Value per month: 750 - 1000 EUR + health insurance in Germany + international travel costs

CAS-DAAD Scholarships

With this programme doctoral students from institutes of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) are provided the opportunity to perform part of their doctoral research in German universities and research institutions with the exception of Max-Planck-Institutes and Fraunhofer Institutes.

Duration: 12 months, extension to a total length of 22 months possible

Age limit: at the time of application, no more than 3 years should have passed since starting the doctorate

Application deadline: Applications have to be submitted to the CAS-institute (Please contact the institute for detailed information).

Value per month: In the first year: 1000 Euro/month (borne by CAS),

In the second year: 1000 Euro/month, research allowance 460 Euro (borne by DAAD)

health insurance in Germany, international travel expenses, German language course in China

Short-term Research Grants

Grants for PhD candidates and recent Post-Docs to conduct research in Germany as part of a larger project (e.g. their PhD studies or a Post-Doc in China).

Duration: 1 - 6 months

Age limit: for PhD candidates: at the time of application, no more than 3 years should have passed since starting the doctorate;

for Post-Docs: at the time of application, no more than 4 years should have passed since gaining the doctorate

Application deadline: Apply at any time at the DAAD Beijing Office, but at least 5 months before the planned stay in Germany.

Value per month: 1000 EUR + health insurance allowance + travel and luggage costs

Siemens-DAAD Postgraduate Programme

With this programme the Siemens AG and the DAAD aim to give young and early-stage researchers (Master's degree in the last two years) from selected Chinese universities and CAS-institutes who are particularly qualified in specific subjects areas the opportunity to spend a longer period of time doing research within the scope of international projects. The individual research projects, which will be supervised by researchers working at universities in Germany, has to be completed with a doctorate in

Germany. For information about available Chinese universities and research topics please refer to the DAAD homepage (www.daad.org.cn)

Duration: max. 36 months

Age limit: no more than 6 years should have passed gaining the master's degree

Application deadline: February 28 (to be confirmed)

Value per month: 1000 EUR, + health insurance in Germany, + travel allowance

DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships (Type A/B)

This programme is intended for highly-qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students as well as senior scientists and offer outstanding scientists and researchers the opportunity to conduct special research at the institutes of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) in Germany. The Fellowships are defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each Fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of the visit. The current offers are published on the homepages of the DAAD (www.daad.de) and the DLR (www.dlr.de). Applications may be submitted to the DAAD Beijing Office or directly to DAAD Head Office in Bonn, desk 522. For further information please refer to the programme announcement.

Study and Research Scholarships of Today for the Megacities of Tomorrow (Type A)

This programme offers highly-qualified postdocs the opportunity to study or do research in international collaborative projects in which German scientists and researchers and practitioners work together with partners from selected countries. The studies and research should be carried out at German universities that are contributing to the collaborative projects. Information about the collaborative projects, the project-relevant subject areas, the contributing German universities, and the respective contact partners can be found on the on the homepage of the DAAD (www.daad.de).

Duration: 6-24 months

Age limit: no more than 5 years should have passed gaining the doctorate

Application deadline: September 30, 2010

Value per month: 1840 EUR

Research Grants for Postdoctoral Students for Modern Applications of Biotechnology

The Exchange Program "Modern Applications of Biotechnology – Research Grants for Postdoctoral Students from China and Germany" is jointly run by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC) with the financial support of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Ministry of Education (MoE). The program offers academically especially qualified post-docs from China and Germany the opportunity to do research in relevant public-funded institutes in the respective country.

Duration: 6-24 months

Age limit: not elder than 35 years old, doctorate within the last 5 years

Language requirements: IELTS 6 / TOEFL iBT 83 / TEM 8

Application deadline: Applications have to be submitted in parallel both to the DAAD Beijing Office and to the CSC office in Beijing before March 20 (For detailed information please refer to www.csc.edu.cn).

Alexander von Humboldt Post-Doctoral Fellowships

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) enables young highly qualified scholars who hold doctorates to carry out research projects of their own choice in Germany. The prestigious programme is highly competitive (only up to 600 fellowships are granted worldwide every year). Applicants should already have published articles in international journals. (For details see www.avh.de)

Duration: 6 - 12 months, extension to up to 24 months possible

Age limit: doctorate within the last 4 years

Application deadline: Apply at any time at the AvH Foundation or the DAAD Beijing Office.

Academics

Research Stays and Study Visits for University Academics and Scientists

These scholarships aim to provide academics and scientists working in higher education or at research institutes with the opportunity to carry out a research project at state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute in Germany. The applicants should generally be not older than 60 years and have not been on a research related visit to Germany within the last 3 years.

Duration: 1 - 3 months

Application deadline: August 15 for stays beginning in the first half of the following year, January 31 for stays beginning in the second half of the year

Value per month: 1840-2240 EUR

Re-invitation Programme for Former DAAD Scholarship Holders

Short-term research grants for former DAAD long-term scholarship holders or former scholarship holders who had studied in the GDR for at least 1 year and have not been on a research related visit to Germany within the last 3 years.

Duration: 1 - 3 months

Application deadline: August 15 for stays beginning in the first half of the following year, January 31 for stays beginning in the second half of the year

Value per month: 1840-2240 EUR

Exchange Programme for Academics & Scientists

This programme, set up under the Cultural Agreement between China and Germany, enables academics and scientists to carry out a study visit at a German university or research institute.

Duration: 1 - 3 months

Application deadline: for details please contact the Chinese Ministry of Education (MoE)

Note: Applications have to be submitted to the MoE, not to the DAAD!

Value per month: 1840-2240 EUR

DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships (Type C)

This programme is intended for highly-qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students as well as senior scientists and offer outstanding scientists and researchers the opportunity to conduct special research at the institutes of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) in Germany. The Fellowships are defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each Fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of the visit. The current offers are published on the homepages of the DAAD (www.daad.de) and the DLR (www.dlr.de). Applications may be submitted to the DAAD Beijing Office or directly to DAAD Head Office in Bonn, desk 522. For further information please refer to the programme announcement.

Study and Research Scholarships of Today for the Megacities of Tomorrow (Type B/C)

This programme offers highly-qualified senior scientists and senior experts the opportunity to study or do research in international collaborative projects in which German scientists and researchers and practitioners work together with partners from selected countries. The studies and research should be carried out at German universities that are contributing to the collaborative projects. Information about the collaborative projects, the project-relevant subject areas, the contributing German universities, and the respective contact partners can be found on the on the homepage of the DAAD (www.daad.de).

Duration: 14 days - 3 months

Application deadline: September 30, 2010

Value per month: 2240 EUR

DAAD-K.C.Wong Fellowships

Research grants for senior academics, research fellows, and engineers holding a PhD degree and a position of associate professor or associate research fellow at least to carry out a joint research project with a German university or research institute.

Duration: 3 - 12 months

Age limit: None, but younger applicants will be preferred

Application deadline: December 1 and May 1 at DAAD Beijing Office or DAAD head office in Bonn

Value per month: 2211 EUR

Hochschulsummerkurse for Lecturers of German

With this program the DAAD provides financial support for Chinese lecturers of German language who have no or few experience in Germany to attend German studies and language summer courses at 60 German universities.

Duration: 3 - 4 weeks, depending on the course duration

Age limit: None, but younger applicants will be preferred

Application deadline: January 10 at DAAD Beijing Office

Value: 650 EUR, + travel subsidy 825 EUR, + course fee subsidy 200 EUR

Universities and Research Institutes

China/Germany Joint Research Programme (PPP)

Programme jointly funded by the DAAD and the China Scholarship Council to promote joint research between scientists in Germany and China by granting support for the exchange of project partners.

Duration: Multiple short-term research stays within 2 years

Application deadline: June 15

Note: Applications have to be submitted by Chinese and German partners in parallel to CSC and DAAD head office in Bonn respectively (see www.csc.edu.cn and www.daad.de for details).

DAAD

The DAAD promotes international academic relations and cooperation, particularly by offering mobility programmes for students, academic staff, and researchers. With more than 65,000 individuals supported annually, the DAAD is one of the world's largest academic exchange organisations.

Its goals are:

- to enable young academic elites from around the world to become leaders in the fields of science, culture, economics, and politics - as well as friends and partners of Germany.
- to qualify young German elites to assume positions of leadership in a global environment by providing them with international and intercultural experiences.
- to enhance the internationalisation of German higher education institutions, by way of increasing their attractiveness for the top students and scholars from around the world.
- to promote German studies, the German language, literature, and area studies in universities worldwide.
- to support academic and scientific advancement in developing countries as a means of supporting the reform process there.

The DAAD was founded in 1925 and, after World War II, formally re-established in 1950. It is an organisation jointly set up by the higher education institutions (universities and Fachhochschulen) in Germany, registered under private law but primarily funded by the government. The head office of the DAAD is situated in Bonn, and there are 14 branch offices all over the world. The Beijing office was established in 1994.