



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme Sub-Saharan Africa“

Call for Scholarship Applications for 2019 at African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)

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Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**



DAAD

Programme Objectives

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), as a publicly funded, selfgoverning 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.

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ DAAD offers scholarships for PhD 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 target group for scholarships are graduates and postgraduates from Sub-Saharan Africa with a first academic degree if applying for a Master's programme, or with a Master's degree if applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue Master's or PhD courses in their home country (so called **In-Country scholarships**) or in another Sub-Sahara African country (so called **In-Region scholarships**).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with AERC by offering up to **3 In-Country scholarships and up to 3 In-Region scholarships** for PhD studies at **AERC member universities** for the intake 2019.

The awarding of scholarships will be subject to the provision of funds.

Application requirements

Applicants

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree (Master candidates) or a two-year university degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (upper fourth of class)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent resident of a Sub-Sahara African country
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector or d) DAFI-Alumni

Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

PhD-scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to a maximum of three years upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted. All further information will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

Eligible fields

The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development.

The scholarships at AERC are available in the following field:

- **PhD in Agriculture Economics**

Place of tenure

AERC Member Universities in Eastern Africa: Makerere University (Uganda), Sokoine University of Agricultural Sciences (Tanzania), Egerton University & University of Nairobi (Kenya), Haramaya University (Ethiopia)

Duration and Commencement

The duration

- of the PhD programme is generally three years

generally **starting in August**.

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps.

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at AERC using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. AERC has set its own deadlines.

AERC will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and short-list the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will also be available to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain preferably triple (at least double) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Second step:

Pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal and register themselves and submit an DAAD application.

1. Register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered):
<https://portal.daad.de>
2. 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).
- 2 recommendation letters by university teachers
- Letter of admission for the host university / institution / network
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Copy of the passport

PhD candidates have to submit the following additional documents:

- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including detailed work and time table (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)

Closing date for the submission of DAAD scholarship applications is 31.03.2019

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Amount in EUR
Tuition fees	the regularly charged amount
Study and research allowance	920,00 annually
Printing allowance	800,00 once in the third year of study
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	PhD In-Country: 310,00 PhD In-Region: 480,00
Travel allowance (In-Region scholarship holders only)	The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award (these costs will be refunded once at the beginning of the studies and then at the end of the studies)
Health Insurance (In-Region scholarship holders only)	Will be administered by DAAD regional office for Africa (if applicable)

Additional costs cannot be covered.

The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

Additional benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for a **research stay in Germany** for 3 up to 6 months. Please note: **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

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