

## **Studies and Research in Sustainability - Study and Research Scholarships 2008 -**

With financial support provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers a special programme on "Studies and Research in Sustainability" that gives particularly qualified graduates, doctoral students and postdocs from selected countries as well as German doctoral students and postdocs the opportunity to study and research in Germany or abroad.

### **Objectives**

In offering the scholarship programme, the DAAD and BMBF aim to make a specific contribution to strengthening international cooperation in education and research, above all with a view to promoting sustainable development in the field of environmental and climate protection. Besides supporting cultural and professional exchange, the programme particularly provides support to integrate knowledge and to transfer the latest findings produced by sustainability research on selected key funding areas of the BMBF (see annex). The study and research stays aim to give the scholarship holders opportunities for getting to know and to use research sites and their specific infrastructures (e.g. pilot plants, laboratories, test plants) and networks. At the same time, scholarship holders are encouraged and enabled to initiate international research projects and strategic cooperation in research and industry. To develop international cooperation and implementation strategies, close cooperation with companies and partners from fields of practice (multipliers and disseminators, NGOs) is supported by financing internships.

### **Core Topic Area: Biogenic Resources and Value Chains**

The individual study and research projects pursued by the scholarship holders will concentrate on the following topics:

- Sustainable use of biogenic resources and value chains, including environmentally-friendly product and system innovation in farming and food products and in forestry and forest products;
- Sustainable land use systems (farming, agroforestry systems, forests);
- Integrated water resources management in rural areas

Detailed information attached as an **annex**.

<b>Countries</b>
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Applications are open to graduates, doctoral students and postdocs from **Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa and Mongolia**, and to doctoral students and postdocs from **Germany**.

<b>Scholarships</b>
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**Type A: Master's Programme in Germany**

These scholarships are intended for foreign graduates holding a Bachelor's or equivalent degree who aim to gain a Master's degree at a university in Germany. At the time of application, they must be no older than 26 years of age and must be able to prove that they have very good English language skills. The scholarship can be awarded for up to a maximum of 24 months. It includes a home country dependent lump-sum travel allowance, a monthly scholarship payment of 715 EUR plus the costs of health insurance and of a two-month German language course. Under certain circumstances, family-dependent allowances may also be paid.

**Type B: Doctorate in Germany**

These scholarships are intended for foreign applicants who hold a Master's or equivalent degree and would like to gain a doctorate at a university in Germany. At the time of application, they must be no older than 32 years of age and must be able to prove that they have very good English language skills. The scholarships can be awarded for up to 36 months. It includes a home country dependent lump-sum travel allowance, a monthly scholarship payment of 975 EUR plus the costs of health insurance and a four-month Germany language course. Under certain circumstances, family-dependent allowances may also be paid.

**Type C: Doctorate in the Home Country**

Foreign students who have already begun their doctoral or PhD studies in their home country, who are no older than 36 years of age at the time of application, who can prove that they have very good English language skills, and who plan to complete their studies in their home country can receive a scholarship for a research stay at a university in Germany. The scholarship can be awarded for a term of between a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 24 months. It includes a home country dependent lump-sum travel allowance, a monthly scholarship payment of 975 EUR plus the costs of health insurance and a two-month German language course. Under certain circumstances, family-dependent allowances may also be paid.

**Type D: Postdoctoral Research in Germany**

The scholarship can be awarded to foreign postdocs for between a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 24 months. At the time of application, no more than 3 years must have passed since gaining the doctorate/PhD. Applicants must be able to prove that they have very good English language skills. The monthly scholarship payment amounts to 1,840 EUR; under certain circumstances, the costs of a two-month German language course may also be paid.

**Type E: Research Abroad by German Doctoral Students**

These scholarships are awarded to German graduates who are doing their doctorate at a German university and who plan to complete part of their re-

search in one of the above-listed countries. They must also be able to prove that they have very good English language skills. At the time of application, no more than two years must have passed since starting the doctorate. The scholarship can be awarded for between a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 12 months. It includes a monthly, host-country adjusted scholarship payment to cover living and accommodation costs, a monthly lump-sum payment of 102 EUR towards research and conference costs, a travel allowance for a trip from home town to host institute and back, plus health, accident and private liability insurance for the stay abroad. Third-party payments (scholarships, continuing salaries, etc.) will be appropriately deducted from the DAAD scholarship.

#### **Type F: Postdoctoral Research Abroad**

The scholarship can be awarded to German postdocs for between a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 24 months who wish to do research in one of the above-specified countries. At the time of application, no more than three years must have passed since completing the doctorate/PhD. Applicants must be able to prove that they have very good English language skills. The scholarship is calculated on a case-by-case basis. Besides a country-related monthly basic payment, an expatriation allowance, materials and equipment costs and a travel allowance, scholarship holders may also receive married persons and child allowances.

**Internships:** On application, all scholarship holders can additionally complete an up to three-month internship in a relevant company in Germany. The scholarship payments will continue during the internship, without this having any effect on the above-specified length of the scholarship.

### Application Papers

The application papers must be submitted in duplicate. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

**Foreign applicants** should please fill in the "Application for Research Grants and Study Scholarships" form (<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/download/03118.de.html>).

**German applicants** should please use the form "Antrag auf ein Auslandsstipendium für deutsche Studierende / Graduierte / Promovierte" (<http://www.daad.de/ausland/download/05104.de.html>)

The cover sheet for the application papers must specify the desired type of scholarship. The following papers must be submitted along with the respective application form:

### All Types

- Curriculum vitae (2 pages max.)
- Letters of recommendation by two academic referees of the applicant's own choice
- Where appropriate, a German language certificate (e.g. Zertifikat Deutsch, Deutsches Sprachdiplom, TestDaF)
- An English language certificate (TOEFL 550 / 213 / 80)

<b>Type A</b>
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- Bachelor's degree certificate and transcript of records
- Reasons for the application (1 page max.)
- Letter of admission to a Master's programme in Germany (or application form)

<b>Types B and C</b>
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- Master's degree certificate and transcript of records
- Summary of the Master's thesis (3 pages max.)
- Description of the planned PhD/doctoral dissertation (3 pages max.)
- Confirmation of supervision by a university teacher in Germany
- Workplan and schedule (agreed with the German supervisor, if possible)

<b>Type D:</b>
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- PhD/doctoral degree certificate
- Summary of the PhD/doctoral dissertation (3 pages max.)
- List of scientific publications and conference papers
- Description of the research project (2 pages max.)
- Confirmation of supervision by a university teacher in Germany
- Workplan and schedule (agreed with the supervisor in Germany, if possible)

<b>Type E</b>
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- Diplom or Master's degree certificate
- Summary of the Diplom or Master's thesis (3 pages max.)
- Description of the research project (2 pages max.)
- Confirmation of supervision by a university teacher abroad
- Workplan and schedule (agreed with the supervisor, if possible)

<b>Type F</b>
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- PhD/doctoral degree certificate
- Summary of the dissertation (3 pages max.)
- List of scientific publications and conference papers
- Description of the research project (2 pages max.)
- Confirmation of supervision by a university teacher abroad
- Workplan and schedule (agreed with the supervisor abroad, if possible)

**After completing the online application process, applicants from Brazil, Russia and India** should please send their papers in duplicate to the DAAD via its Regional Offices in Rio de Janeiro, Moscow or New Delhi.

**Applicants from China, South Africa and Mongolia** should please send their papers to the DAAD via its Beijing Office, via the DAAD Information Centre in Johannesburg, or via the German Embassy in Ulan Bator.

After completing the online application process, **German applicants** can send their papers – in duplicate – direct to Referat/Section 421.

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<b>Closing Date for Applications: 15 November 2007</b>
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