



## **Studies and Research in Sustainability: Collaborative Research Project "Yangtze – Region" (Research Scholarships for Doctoral Students and Postdocs from China and Germany 2008)**

Following the first call for proposals in autumn 2006 and the award of 13 scholarships in spring 2007, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), with financial support from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), once again offers research scholarships that aim to enable more young researchers to play an active part in existing or planned bilateral research measures in the other partner country as part of the "Yangtze-Region" collaborative research project. Applications are open to doctoral and postdoctoral students from selected universities in China and Germany.

### **Core Research Areas**

The core research areas are

- Interactions in the Pollutant / Water / Sedimentary System,
- Vegetation / Biodiversity, and
- Changes in Land Use / Mass Wasting.

Further detailed information is attached as an **annex**. The integration of scholarship holders into agreed or running collaborative research projects focusing on the Yangtze Region is expressly welcomed.

### **Scholarships**

#### **Type A: Doctorate in Germany**

These scholarships are intended for Chinese doctoral students who would like to gain their doctorate at a university in Germany, who are no older than 32 years of age at the time of application, and who can prove that they have very good English language skills. Scholarships can be awarded for up to a maximum of 36 months and include a lump-sum travel allowance, a monthly scholarship payment of 975 EUR plus the costs of health insurance and of a four-month German language course. Under certain circumstances, family-dependent allowances may also be paid. Scholarships are initially awarded for a term of one year. Extensions depend on an assessment of the research results.

#### **Type B: Doctorate in China**

These scholarships are intended for Chinese doctoral students who are doing their doctorate at a university in China and who would like to carry out part of their research in Germany. At

the time of application, they must be no older than 36 years of age and must be able to prove that they have very good English language skills. Scholarships can be awarded for a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 24 months and include a lump-sum travel allowance, a monthly scholarship payment of 975 EUR plus the costs of health insurance and of a two-month German language course. Where research stays last more than 12 months, family-dependent allowances may possibly also be paid.

### **Type C: Postdoctoral Research in Germany**

These scholarships can be awarded to Chinese 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 the applicant gained 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 D: Research in China by German Doctoral Students**

These scholarships fund German doctoral students who are doing their doctorate at a German university and who would like to do part of their research in China. They must be able to prove that they have very good English language skills. At the time of application, no more than 2 years must have passed since the applicant started the doctorate. Scholarships can be awarded for between a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 24 months and include a monthly basic payment of 925 EUR, a monthly lump-sum payment of 102 EUR towards research and conference costs, a lump-sum travel allowance, plus allowances towards the costs of health, accident and private liability insurance. Under certain circumstances, family-dependent allowances may also be paid.

### **Type E: Research in China by German Postdocs**

These scholarships can be awarded to German 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 the applicant completed the doctorate. Applicants must be able to prove that they have very good English language skills. The monthly scholarship payment is always 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.

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| <b>Application Papers</b> |
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The application papers must be submitted in duplicate. Incomplete papers cannot be processed.

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

**The following papers must be enclosed along with the respective application form:**

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| <b>All Types</b> |
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- Curriculum vitae (2 pages max.)
- Letters of recommendation from 2 academic referees of the applicant's choice
- Where applicable, a German language certificate (e.g. Zertifikat Deutsch, Deutsches Sprachdiplom, TestDaF)
- An English language certificate (TOEFL 550 / 213 / 80)

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| <b>Type A and B</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)

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| <b>Type C</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)

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| <b>Type D</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)

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| <b>Type E</b> |
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- PhD/doctoral degree certificate
- Summary of the PhD/doctoral dissertation (3 pages max.)
- List of scientific publication 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)

**Please specify the desired key funding area and the type of scholarship on the cover sheet of the questionnaire (application form).**

**Chinese applicants** should please send their papers to the DAAD Regional Office in Beijing.

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

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| <p><b>Closing Date for Applications in Beijing and Bonn:</b><br/><b>15 November 2007</b></p> |
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