

„In-Country / In-Region Scholarship Programme“

Call for Scholarship Applications 2017 at University of Ghana, Department of Soil Science in Ghana

**Funded by the Federal Ministry for
Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**

Application Closing Date: 12th May 2017

Programme Objectives

The DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), as a publicly funded, self-governing 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 and Master 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-Saharan African country (**In-Region scholarships**).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with University of Ghana, Department of Soil Science by offering up to 1 In-Region and 2 In-Country scholarships for PhD and up to 2 In-Region scholarships for Master studies at University of Ghana, Department of Soil Science for the intake 2017.

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 residents of a Sub-Saharan African country
- should generally be a) staff member of a public or private university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector or d) DAFI-Alumni (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative)

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

Eligible fields

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

The scholarships at University of Ghana, Department of Soil Science are available in the following fields:

- Soil Science

Place of tenure

University of Ghana, College of Basic and Applied Sciences, School of Agriculture, P.O. Box 68, Legon, Accra, Ghana

Duration and Commencement

The duration

- of the PhD programme is four years
- of the Master programme is two years

starting in June 2017.

The application process contains two steps.

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at University of Ghana, Department of Soil Science using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. University of Ghana, Department of Soil Science has set their own deadlines.

University of Ghana, Department of Soil Science 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 at least double or triple (optional) 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. The institution is requested to communicate the following information to the shortlisted candidates:

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).
- Recommendation letter by university lecturers (Master 1, PhD 2)
- Official letter of admission or any other binding document guaranteeing admission to 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 12th May 2017 Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Amount
Tuition fees Master	Year 1: 5,642 USD Year 2: 4,610 USD
Tuition fees PhD	In-Country: Year 1: 11,401 GHS Year 2: 11,401 GHS Year 3: 14,252 GHS Year 4: 11,401 GHS In-Region: Year 1: 9,349 USD Year 2: 8,975 USD Year 3: 8,975 USD Year 4: 8,975 USD
Study and research allowance	460 EUR (Master) 920 EUR (PhD)
Final allowance	1,025 EUR
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	450 EUR (Master In-Region) 500 EUR (PhD In-Country) 550 EUR (PhD In-Region)
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	220 EUR (Neighbouring Country) 370 EUR (within Region) 690 EUR (acrossRegion)
Insurance	if applicable

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 grant in Germany** for 2 up to 6 months. Please note: **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship.**

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs which amounts to 1.000 € per month
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a lump sum for travel expenses

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

Contact and advice

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