

FAQs: DAAD In-Country Scholarships for Centralamerica and the Dominican Republic,

- for academic institutions/networks interested in participating as host institution in the programme -

1. Is there a maximum number of scholarships we can apply for?

No, there is no maximum number. In the past, institutions were attributed approx. 1 - 6 DAAD scholarships per intake.

2. How many scholarships will be distributed among successful institutions in total?

The actual number will depend on the number of places offered by institutions, the number of applicants and available funds. In 2015, the total number of DAAD scholarships in the In-Country/In-Region Programme offered to institutions all over Centralamerica and the Dominican Republic was 27 new scholarships.

3. What are the DAAD rates for individual scholarships, and what does a scholarship consist of?

The value of the monthly stipends (covering the cost of living including accommodation) as well as the study and research allowance will depend on the respective DAAD country rates for national/international Master students and national/international doctoral students. In addition to the monthly stipend, funding is available for:

- travel allowance
- health insurance
- regular university/network fees
- lump sum for study and research
- Printing costs für Master and Ph.D. thesis
- Family allowance
- Immigration taxes
- Optional research stay in Germany for up to 6 months
- Optional participation in summerschools of German universities

4. We are an institution/network with several postgraduate programmes/schools/departments/faculties with the capacity to host DAAD scholars. Can we apply for scholarships for all of these entities?

Your institution may apply for scholarships for several postgraduate programmes/entities to host DAAD scholars. However, you should ensure that you only include those programmes/entities into your application which fully meet the DAAD selection criteria.

5. Can/Should we (re-)apply if our institution previously participated as host institution in the In-Country/in-Region Scholarships Programme?

Yes, institutions which previously participated in this programme are encouraged to apply for renewed admission. In line with DAAD's quality assurance standards, all institutions will be reviewed by an independent selection committee upon application.

6. Can we apply if our institution already receives/received other DAAD funding?

Yes, institutions which already receive/d other DAAD funding may also apply for participation as a host institution within this programme. Expenses due to duplicate funding (multiple funding of the same purpose/ multiple funding of the same scholarship holder) are not eligible though.

7. How can we apply as a network with network members in different countries?

Within this Call for Applications, you may apply for scholarships eligible for applicants from all over Centralamerica and the Dominican Republic wishing to study at one of your member institutions.

Networks are asked to provide detailed information on all member institutions where scholarship holders will be admitted. Please use the form "Information on member institution" (Annex II) accordingly.

8. How will the financial administration of the scholarships work?

The participation as host institution in the programme will generally take the form of a cooperation agreement between the DAAD and the host institution. The cooperation agreement lists the binding specifications and mandatory procedures regarding, among others, the monitoring of the programme, the execution of the pre-selection of the scholarship holders and the financial administration. The scholarship payments (stipends in EUR covering the cost of living including accommodation, travel allowance, health insurance, and regular university/institute/ network fees) is generally paid directly to the scholarship holder. If necessary, the scholarship payments are transferred to the host institution to disburse the money to the scholarship holders on behalf of the DAAD. The university/institute/network fees are paid directly to the host institution on basis of the above mentioned cooperation agreement.

9. After admission, do we have to reapply for participation each year?

Upon admission, DAAD will offer your institution scholarships for 3 intakes. Depending on available budgetary resources, your institution may reapply for funding for further intakes in 2020.

10. What are the requirements for individual scholarship candidates?

Detailed application requirements for individual scholarship candidates will be defined in the Call for Scholarship Applications provided by DAAD. As for general requirements: Applicants must be post-graduates from Southeast Asia with thorough knowledge of the language of instruction. They must have completed a bachelor degree if applying for a Master's programme, or a Master degree from a recognized university if applying for a doctoral programme, with above average results. The last academic degree must not be older than six years.

11. Do scholarship candidates have to be staff members at a higher education institution?

DAAD does not expect Master candidates to be staff members at a higher education institution. However, doctoral candidates should be staff members or at least be considered for future teaching/research staff recruitment at your institution or, if applicable, their home institution.

12. How will individual scholarship candidates be selected?

After (re-)admission to the programme DAAD will provide the Call for Scholarship Applications and ask your institution to publish it. Individual applicants will be requested to send their application to your institution and, in copy, to DAAD. Thereafter, your institution will carry out preselections among the applicants and provide a candidate shortlist to DAAD. The final selection of scholarship holders will be carried out by a selection committee to be nominated by DAAD.

13. How many individual scholarship candidates should we nominate on our shortlist?

The number of candidates to be shortlisted will depend on the quota of scholarships for your institution. You are requested to shortlist thrice as many candidates as scholarships are available (i.e., if your institution receives a quota of 10 scholarships, you should shortlist 30 candidates).

14. Can we shortlist individual scholarship candidates who do not wish to study at our institution, but at another host institution?

No, you should only shortlist candidates who wish to study at your institution. In case a candidate wishes to study at another host institution, he/she should directly apply through that institution (provided that the other institution is also part of the DAAD In-Country/In-Region Programme).

15. Can we shortlist external candidates who are staff members at other higher education institutions?

Yes, you are strongly encouraged to include external candidates in your shortlist who wish to study at your institution as a measure of staff development at their home institution. One intention of this programme is staff development and capacity building in higher education.

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