

DAAD-OSI Program

Scholarships for Germany – Program Introduction

The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst - DAAD) and Open Society Foundations Scholarship Programs sponsor a joint scholarship program for graduate students in Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, the Trans-Caucasian and Central Asian, as well as the Balkan countries.

The DAAD-OSI Program is designed to improve the framework for teaching and research in humanities and social sciences in the region. At the same time, it promotes network-building among the participants and German academics as a basis for further international exchange activities.

Country Eligibility

The program is open to applicants from the following 18 countries:

1. Albania
2. Armenia
3. Azerbaijan
4. Belarus
5. Bosnia
6. Georgia
7. Kazakhstan
8. Kosovo
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Macedonia
11. Moldova
12. Montenegro
13. Serbia
14. Tajikistan
15. Turkmenistan
16. Ukraine
17. Uzbekistan

However, the program is offered to applicants from countries in Central Asia and Caucasus every 2 years only:

Even Years – i.e.: 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012

1. Armenia
2. Kazakhstan
3. Kyrgyzstan
4. Tajikistan

Odd Years – i.e.: 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013

1. Azerbaijan
2. Georgia
3. Turkmenistan
4. Uzbekistan

The Program is offered *each year* in the Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Albania, Bosnia, , Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

This year we will offer 22 Masters and 5 Doctorates scholarship awards in Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus (the maximum of 27 awards for all three countries). In Central Asia and Caucasus up to

40scholarship awards are available a year, 5 out of them are Doctorate. In the Balkans up to 16 awards are availablefor all 6 countries.

Scholarship Options

1. **Master's Programs (Aufbaustudiengänge)** (2 years) - students **can** submit applications when they are still finishing their Bachelor studies, but have to have their BA diploma before they start their academic studies at a university in Germany. Tuition is available in English, German or on courses which have teaching in both languages.
2. **PhD stream** (3 years) – for applicants holding an MA degree. Applicants are free to choose any University in Germany, and must already have made contact with their chosen institution with a confirmed offer of supervision from a Professor. Their research must be within the realms of the social sciences and humanities. PhD candidates must fulfil their chosen university's entry requirements for doctoral studies in Germany. Preference may be given to applicants who already have Aspirant status (if applicable). DAAD-OSI Master's alumni are eligible to apply for a PhD award but must return and apply from home countries.

Eligible Academic Areas

Political Science, Sociology and the Social Sciences, International Relations, Law, European Studies, European Integration, Economics, Economic Relations, Management Science, Education Management, Public Health, Philosophy, and Peace Studies/Conflict Resolution, International Development Studies, Global Political Economy

Restrictions

Applicants currently residing outside of their home countries are not eligible to apply.

Language Requirements

A good knowledge of German is desirable. Funding for additional language training may be available.

Candidates who require extra German language training are requested to attend a pre-academic language course in their home country (up to 2 months), with the possibility of spending up to 2 months in Germany if deemed necessary by the interview panel.

Selection Process

Interested individuals may submit applications on the standard DAAD forms at the office of a local DAAD Lecturer (Lektor) or at the OSF representation.

It would be useful if you could request the application forms from the DAAD Lecturers and keep some in your offices.

Each year between January and March, a selection committee consisting of staff from the DAAD central office in Bonn, the OSF Office in London, and a commission of 2-3 German Professors travel to each country in order to interview pre-selected candidates. Interviews are organised and hosted by the local DAAD IC Office Representatives.

In the case of applications for PhD scholarships, the final decision may be conferred to a selection committee in Bonn.

The Test of German (OnDaf) is administered by DAAD Representatives in each country to assess a candidate's level of German prior to the interviews. Many programs with instruction in English require TOEFL test. It is scholars' responsibility to obtain their official result of English Language.

Applicants must present the TOEFL and where needed the GRE test results or proof of registration at the time of an interview.

Deadline

The Program has a standard generic deadline every year: **31 October** in Central Asia, South Caucasus, Moldova and Ukraine and **1 November** in the Balkans.

All completed scholarship application forms must be handed to the relevant DAAD IC Office in each country by the deadline. Please note that in countries where is no DAAD IC office, scholarship applications must be sent to the German Embassy.

Please see an updated list of the DAAD IC Office/the German Embassy addresses and current contact persons.

Financial Support

Participants will receive a monthly stipend, an allowance for travel to and from their host institutions and, if required, a language course (lasting up to 2 months). PhD students are entitled to a trip to their home country after the second year. As with other SP Programs, accompanying spouses or children are not eligible for family allowances.

Stipends are dependent on academic level:

- for students on a Master program: €750 per month
- for students on a PhD program: €1000 per month

Enhancement Activities

Pre-Departure Orientation - 2 day event held in autumn each year at the Gustav Stresemann Institute, Bonn, Germany, for all incoming DAAD-OSI Scholarship holders.

Mid Year Conference – 3-day event held at a different German university each year in May or June bringing together all DAAD-OSI scholarships holders present in Germany for networking, DAAD and OSF presentations and individual updates from each scholarship holder on the progress and content of their research to date.

A tutor at each University is assigned to each postgraduate degree course to provide scholarship holders with guidance and advice.

Coordinator Advice

Although the administration of the scheme will be completed by the local DAAD IC Office, we would ask you to be aware of the Program, its components and eligibility criteria, advertise it in your office, as well as directing interested candidates to the relevant DAAD IC Office where appropriate.

It would be optimal if personal contact could be made with the local DAAD Representative as soon as the relevant material is announced on the OSF webpage. A message containing an updated list of

eligible Master's courses and local contact information (if any changes occur) will be sent by the OSF Coordinator from London in August.

You should also have a list of DAAD-OSI alumni in your office for reference; if you don't have updated lists and haven't received any from the DAAD Representative, please do contact Inga Pracute for a comprehensive database.

If you are organising any events such as recruitment trips, educational fairs, or reception evenings, please do not forget to include DAAD-OSI alumni too! Their linkage to the OSF and other OSF scholarships holders is invaluable and the greater the network and collaboration, the better the synergy!

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