



HILDE DOMIN PROGRAMME

Call for Scholarship Applications for Bachelor
and Master Students 2021/22

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OVERVIEW

Programme objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) administers the scholarship programme “Hilde Domin Programme” with funds from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The programme serves to support students and doctoral candidates from across the globe, who are at risk of being formally or *de facto* denied educational or other rights in their country of origin, and to provide these students and doctoral candidates with an opportunity to begin or complete a study or research degree at a higher education institution in Germany. Students and doctoral candidates nominated and accepted under the programme will be enrolled in degree courses of any personal subject choice and according to individual qualifications and receive a scholarship sufficient to cover the necessary costs incurred in the course of their study resp. research stay.

The long-term goal of the scholarship programme is to enable students and doctoral candidates to complete their higher education studies resp. research project in a secure environment, in order to be able to contribute towards meaningful political, economic as well as social development in their countries of origin (respectively in Germany or third countries) upon completion of their studies in Germany. All beneficiaries of the scholarship programme will further be qualified in an accompanying interdisciplinary programme, in order to enhance the prospects of a free development of their personality and their contributions towards society.

Who can be nominated?

Students worldwide* resp. with a recognised refugee status and/or an entitlement to asylum who are at risk of being formally or *de facto* denied educational rights in their country of origin, due to their ethnic, sexual, gender or religious identity and/or their political or civic engagement. By definition of the DAAD, political, civic and similar engagement encompasses either the participation in groups or individual actions based on liberal and democratic principles aspiring to contribute to a positive social change in communities.

*Except for the following countries: EU/[EEA](#)/[EFTA](#) countries as well as Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and the United Kingdom.

What can be funded?

Study project with the aim of obtaining a bachelor's or master's degree at a state or state-recognised university in Germany.

Bachelor

- attendance of a preparatory course (Studienkolleg) according to the previous level of subject-specific knowledge required for the intended course of study
- participation in a bachelor's degree programme

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Master

- participation in a master's degree programme

Important to note for all applicants: If the applicant is already enrolled at a university in Germany, the recognition of the academic achievements must be ensured. If the applicant is currently enrolled at a state or state-recognised higher education institution abroad, the applicant is requested to seek recognition of the academic achievements made to date as part of the admission procedure at a German higher education institution.

Duration of the funding

Bachelor

- A total of up to max. 48 months, depending on required subject-specific skills as well as the duration of the chosen course of study. The funding encompasses the attendance of a preparatory course (Studienkolleg) for up to 12 months and the participation in a bachelor's degree programme for up to 36 months.
- The scholarships are awarded for the duration of the preceding attendance of the preparatory course (Studienkolleg), if applicable, as well as the standard period of study of the chosen bachelor's degree programme. After each academic year, in order to be eligible for further funding, the academic achievements proven up to that point must indicate that the studies will be successfully completed within the standard period of study.
- Applicants who are already in the first year of a bachelor's degree programme in Germany at the time of application can apply for a scholarship for the second year of study.
- If the degree programme includes a study visit or internship abroad lasting several months, the stay abroad can generally only be funded under the following conditions. The stay is indispensable for the achievement of the scholarship goal. The stay does not exceed one quarter of the scholarship period. Longer stays cannot be funded, not even on a partial basis. The stay does not take place in the country of origin.

Master

- A total of up to max. 24 months, depending on the duration of the chosen course of study.
- The scholarships are awarded for the duration of the standard period of study of the chosen master's degree programme. After each academic year, in order to be eligible for further funding, the academic achievements proven up to that point must indicate that the studies will be successfully completed within the standard period of study.
- Applicants who are already in the first year of a master's degree programme in Germany at the time of application can apply for a scholarship for the second year of study.
- If the degree programme includes a study visit or internship abroad lasting several months, the stay abroad can generally only be funded under the following conditions. The stay is indispensable for the achievement of the scholarship goal. The stay does not exceed one quarter of the scholarship period. Longer stays cannot be funded, not even on a partial basis. The stay does not take place in the country of origin.

Value

- a monthly scholarship payment of 861 EUR for bachelor and master students
- payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

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- a travel allowance
- an annual study allowance

Under certain circumstances, scholarship holders may receive the following additional benefits:

- monthly rent subsidy
- monthly allowance for accompanying members of family

To enable scholarship holders to learn German in preparation for their stay in the country, DAAD offers the following services:

- payment of course fees for the online language course "Deutsch-Uni Online (DUO)" (www.deutsch-uni.com) for six months after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter
- if necessary, language course (for two, four or six months) before the start of the study visit; the DAAD decides whether to fund participation and for how long depending on German language skills and project. Participation in a language course is compulsory if the study programme is taught in German.
- allowance for a personally chosen German language course during the scholarship period
- reimbursement of the fees for the TestDaF test which has either been taken in the home country after receipt of the Scholarship Award Letter or in Germany before the end of the funding period
- as an alternative to the TestDaF for scholarship holders who have taken a language course beforehand: the fee for a DSH examination taken during the scholarship period may be reimbursed

Selection procedure

In the selection process, both risk and academic performance are assessed by independent selection committees of specialist scientists and experts appointed by the DAAD.

Academic performance includes the following criteria as part of the assessment:

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1) Academic qualification

Documented by certificates, curriculum vitae, language certificate:

- academic achievements and duration of studies

2) Quality of the study project

Documented by letter of motivation, information about the preferred bachelor's or master's programme, proof of language proficiency, if applicable, letter of admission from the German host university:

- quality of project presentation and preparation (preliminary information, contact with host institution)
- reasons for choosing Germany (academic and personal reasons for the planned study project, choice of the host institution)
- integration of the stay in the academic career and the connection with academic or professional perspectives

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3) Additional criteria

Documented by curriculum vitae, if applicable, certificates:

- additional knowledge and skills (e.g. through professional or voluntary activities)
- involvement in academic self-governance, higher education policy issues
- political, social, cultural, social commitment

In addition, the selection committee takes into account special risk and living conditions to ensure equal opportunity.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

What requirements must be met?

Nominated candidates from all disciplines are eligible, except for fine arts, performing arts, design, visual communication, music, film and architecture, as well as human medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine,

- who are of legal age (as a rule at least 18 years old) at the point of nomination
- who have a university entrance qualification with the aim of studying a bachelor's degree until the application deadline
- who have a recognised bachelor's degree (or comparable) with the aim of studying a master's degree until the start of the scholarship
- whose acquisition of the university entrance qualification for an intended bachelor's degree programme resp. whose last university degree for an intended master's degree programme was as a rule no longer than two years ago at the point of application
- who can prove or credibly demonstrate a threat to their personal well-being or safety (e.g. physical violence, arrest, denial of civil and educational rights, etc.) to the nominating institution and who are at risk of being formally or *de facto* denied educational rights in their country of origin, due to their ethnic, sexual, gender or religious identity and/or their political or civic engagement
- who are entitled to study at the desired level (bachelor, master) according to the database www.anabin.de at a university in Germany

Language skills

In the case of insufficient German language skills, participation in a preparatory language course will be offered according to a candidate's previously acquired German language skills, while simultaneously taking into consideration the German language level required for successful participation in the intended study programme. Should English be the language of instruction of the study programme, proper English language skills are a requirement, and relevant language certificates or other proof of English language proficiency must be submitted as part of the application process (see Application documents).

Important to note for all applicants: Further information regarding the application requirements can be found under the menu item [FAQs](#) of the [website](#) of the Hilde Domin Programme.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application documents

The application takes place online via the DAAD portal.

Eligible candidates upload the following documents to the DAAD portal:

- online application form
- valid identification document (ID card, passport and the like)
- full curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages long)
- letter of motivation (1 to 3 pages long) outlining the personal risk situation as well as the professional and personal motives for completion of a study course at a German higher education institution
- if available, additional proof of evidence which describes and approves the threat to their personal safety and well-being or which proves that a forced withdrawal from the study programme is due to individual actions based on liberal and democratic principles aspiring to contribute to a positive social change in communities
- copy of school-leaving certificate which entitles holders to study at a university in the home country (with all individual grades)
- other documents you think might be of relevance to your application (e.g. certificates of employment, proof of placements)
- language certificates or proof of their English or German language proficiency (equivalent to level B2 of the [CEFR](#)), not older than 2 years at the point of application
- if available, proof of admission to a study course/degree programme at a German higher education institution (the proof of admission can be submitted until the start of the scholarship, if it is not yet available at the time of nomination/application)

In addition, it is mandatory to submit the documents listed below for the following degrees sought under the scholarship:

Bachelor

- if applicable, proof of documentation affirming the current bachelor degree status on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system
- form "[Information about your preferred bachelor programmes](#)"

Master

- if applicable, proof of documentation affirming the current master degree status on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system
- intermediate diploma or bachelor degree certificate indicating final grade(s); the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study programme begins, if studies have not been completed at the time of application
- form "[Information about your preferred master programmes](#)"

Important to note for all applicants: All candidates have to upload German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language. The DAAD reserves the right to request certified copies of the documents, if necessary.

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When choosing your university, please take into account that the DAAD generally does not cover tuition fees.

Application deadline

The application portal is open all year round for successfully nominated candidates with the following application deadlines:

31 July 2021

31 January 2022

Application location

Please use the following **link** for your initial application via the DAAD portal:

https://portal.daad.de/sap/bc/bsp/sap/z_set_cookie/setcooie.htm?fund_ar=stv&id=57594144

And this is how you proceed:

- 1) Register on the portal: www.mydaad.de/en/ or in German: www.mydaad.de/de/
- 2) Log in to the portal
- 3) Go to the tab “Personal funding” → “Application”
- 4) The programme is preallocated. Now you have to select your status.
- 5) Apply online in the DAAD portal (read instructions on how to apply in the portal) → https://www.daad.de/sapportal/hilfe/hb_portal_pdf/02_Bewerbung_PBF_AUSL.pdf

If you have already started or sent an application, kindly use the link <https://funding.mydaad.de> to access the portal again.

Applications submitted through other channels or via other authorities will not be considered or accepted.

Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete.

The application documents remain with the DAAD. Data relating to applicants is saved by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act and with the EU Data Protection Regulation insofar as this data is needed to process the application.

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