

„ In-Region Scholarship Programme“ South Africa

Call for Scholarship Applications 2019 at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)

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

Application Closing Date: 15.11.2018

DAAD

Programme Objectives

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), as a publicly funded, selfgoverning 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-Region Scholarship Programme” DAAD offers scholarships for PhD 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 postgraduates from Sub-Saharan Africa (excluding South Africa) with a Master’s degree who want to pursue PhD courses in South Africa (**In-Region scholarships**).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) by offering up to six In-Region Scholarships for PhD studies at AIMS for the intake 2019.

Application requirements

Applicants

- have successfully completed generally 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 resident of a Sub-Saharan African Country, excluding South Africa
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector

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

PhD-scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

Eligible fields

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

The scholarships at AIMS are available in the following fields:

- *Mathematical Sciences*

Place of tenure

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, 6-8 Melrose Road, Muizenberg 7945, South Africa; Stellenbosch University, University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape

Duration and Commencement

The duration

- of the PhD programme is generally three years

generally **starting in January 2019**

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps.

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at AIMS using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. AIMS has set its own deadlines.

AIMS 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 preferably triple (at least double) 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.

1. Register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered): <https://portal.daad.de>, **Deadline: 15.11.2018**
2. Apply online via the DAAD-Portal under the tab "Personal Funding"/ "Application"

Documents to be submitted:

- DAAD application form duly filled in (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 teachers (PhD 2)
- Letter of admission of 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
- 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 15.11.2018

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition fees	annually	<i>the regularly charged amount (in ZAR)</i>
Study and research allowance	annually	920 EUR (PhD)*
Printing allowance	once at the end	800 EUR (PhD)*
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	500 EUR

Travel allowance (In-Region only)	twice (beginning/ end of scholarship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award</i>
Insurance	annually	4.400 ZAR

**Subject to approval by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)/ under reservation of the right to make alternations*

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 stay in Germany** for 3 up to 6 months. Please note: **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs which amounts to 1.200 (PhD students) and 850 (Master students) EUR per month
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

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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