

Call for applications

Transnational education projects: Scholarships for international students 2016/17

Which are the goals of the programme?

The DAAD supports German universities which have successfully implemented transnational education (TNE) projects abroad with funds from the Federal Foreign Office. The present funding programme offers funds to support high-performance students enrolled in such TNE offers of German universities abroad. The opportunity to award scholarships is meant to enhance the attractiveness of the supported study courses, strengthen their regional impact and emphasise their connection to Germany.

Programme Strand 1

- Sur place or third country scholarships are intended to enable highly qualified non-German candidates to study in German TNE courses

Programme Strand 2

- The connection to Germany can be strengthened further through funded integrated study periods (semester- or full year stays as well as short-term language or specialised courses) in Germany

Who can apply?

German universities which have already successfully implemented a TNE study course abroad are eligible to apply for funding.

What is being funded?

As a general rule, up to 20% of the students enrolled in a TNE course may be supported with scholarships from the funds provided by DAAD. This secures an adequate number of self-paying participants in the study course. Exceptions from this rule need approval by the selection committee of DAAD.

Public funding in the host country shall primarily be used.

The selection of students to be supported from funds provided by the DAAD lies within the responsibility of the German university. The DAAD as well as the foreign university partners are to be involved in the selection process by the German university. The scholarships may only be awarded to particularly high-performing students. As a general rule, the scholarship funds are allocated for a period of 12 months covering one academic year. As a consequence, scholarships awarded to students may comprise a maximum duration of up to 12 months, too. For sur place and third country-scholarships (Strand 1) the university may announce that there are options of one or several extensions (depending on the standard duration of the study course) subject to the provision of subsequent funding by the DAAD. This implies successful annual applications to the DAAD by the German university. Subject to these conditions, the extension of scholarships should be the rule if the supported student continues to show outstanding academic achievements. For further specifications please refer to Annex 1.

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Sur place scholarships are awarded to excellent candidates residing in the host country of the TNE study course, third country scholarships refer to grants given to equally qualified candidates from neighbouring country or region. Scholarships awarded to both groups from the funds provided by the DAAD under this programme may comprise the following items:

1. Subsidy for tuition fees

- Up to EUR 2.500 per student and year for tuition fees charged for the TNE study course according to the regular scale of fees.

2. Subsidy for cost of living

- A monthly subsidy for living expenses. The maximum amount of monthly subsidies to be supported under this programme depends on the location of the TNE study course. To find out the exact amount for specific countries, please refer to Annex 2. Universities applying for funds are free to stay below the maximum rates stipulated in Annex 2.

3. Subsidy for administrative costs

- Up to EUR 250 per year for the cost of international money transfers.

Programme strand 2: Scholarships for stays in Germany

Scholarships for stays in Germany may be awarded for longer study stays as well as for language and specialised courses. Scholarships from Strand 1 can be complemented by funding from Strand 2. In the course of their studies, students with an outstanding academic record may hence receive support while studying at the location of the TNE course as well as for study stays in Germany. Applications may include the following items:

1. Scholarships for longer study stays (one semester to one year) at the German university

The monthly scholarship rate to be paid during study stays in Germany depends on the grantee's academic status:

- EUR 650 for students in undergraduate courses
- EUR 750 for students in Master's courses
- EUR 1,000 for PhD students

2. Language and specialised courses

Funding for short term stays under Strand 2 is intended for intensive German language or specialised subject-related courses in Germany. These can be either existing courses or courses set up especially for the TNE target group. As a general rule, the courses should be organized at the German university. The duration of supported courses should be at least 3 weeks up to a maximum of 6 weeks. Applications may include

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the following items:

- Expenditure of up to EUR 200 per participant and week for course realisation and student support (material costs);
- A lump sum of EUR 165 per week and participant for participants' living expenses in Germany

In addition, for the linguistic preparation of students for integrated study stays in Germany:

- One-time payment of fees for an online German language course (for general academic preparation or leading to a TestDaF exam) of up to EUR 250 per person.

For details, please refer to Annex 1

3. Travel expenses

To cover students' travel expenses to Germany, it is possible to apply for lump sum subsidies as stipulated in Annex 3.

Which disciplines can be funded?

The programme is open to all academic disciplines.

Which are the selection criteria?

Successful applications are selected for funding by an expert committee including independent evaluators in January 2016.

The relevant criteria for selection include:

- Contribution of the scholarships to the attractiveness and visibility of the TNE study course
- Visibility of the offered scholarships at the involved universities
- Utilisation of the scholarships for enhancing the academic and/or regional profile of the TNE study course (e.g. recruiting of highly qualified students in competition with other providers). If applicable: strategy of awarding grants to third country candidates (e.g. choice of eligible countries)
- Concept for the selection of scholarship holders with/at the university abroad (including rules and regulations for scholarship extensions and transparency of the selection process)
- Concept for grantees' support (especially during stays in Germany)
- Development of demand for the TNE study course and performance record of students previously supported with scholarships.

Handing in an application

(Short version, for information purposes only)

Applications must include:

1. Completed application form
2. Completed financial budget on DAAD form
3. Completed form on current statistical data of the study programme ("Stammdatenabfrage")
4. Project description
5. Description of quality assurance measures applied on the TNE study

Deadline

The deadline for handing in applications is **November 17, 2015**.

Additional information:**Special scholarship opportunities for graduates from TNE degree courses supported by the DAAD**

Graduates of transnational study courses supported by the DAAD are eligible to apply directly to the DAAD for scholarships to continue their academic education in Germany. Special funds are allocated for these scholarships, which are distributed as part of the regular application procedure of the DAAD for international students. Above-average graduates should be encouraged by the project management of the TNE course to apply to the DAAD following the regular procedures, and to notify in their application that they are graduates of a supported TNE degree course. The scholarships for TNE graduates primarily aim at qualifying future academic staff for the TNE study courses of German universities.

Applications are possible for:

- Scholarships for Master's degrees studies in Germany (one to two years)
- Scholarships for PhD studies in Germany (for up to three years)

Applications are to be submitted to the responsible DAAD offices or the German embassies (for details of the application requirements and procedures, please refer to www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium). The general terms and deadlines of the DAAD for scholarship applications from the specific country apply. The DAAD offices and Information Centres abroad provide further information and advice on application requirements and procedures.

German universities with supported TNE projects with large numbers of graduates or projects located in countries where the DAAD does not offer scholarships to individual applicants for Master's studies in Germany can apply for scholarship funding for graduates within the present call for applications.

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Annexes

- Annex 1: Programme regulations (English)
- Annex 1a: Report on the selection of scholarship holders (German)
- Annex 1b: List of applications for scholarships (German)
- Annex 1c: Report on selection of participants for courses (German)
- Annex 2: Maximum funding for living expenses (outside Germany) (in German)
- Annex 3: Subsidies (lump sums) for international travel to Germany (in German)
- Annex 4: xls-file for project statistics (projects with few study courses) (in German)
- Annex 5: xls-file for project statistics (projects with many study courses) (in German)

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