

Master's Scholarships for Public Policy and Good Governance (PPGG)

What are the objectives of the programme?

This programme is designed to further qualify future leaders in politics, law, economics and administration according to the principles of Good Governance and to prepare them in a praxis-oriented course for their professional life. The programme offers very good graduates with a first university degree the chance to obtain a Master's degree in disciplines that are of special relevance for the social, political and economic development of their home country. With the knowledge and experience acquired in Germany the scholarship holders should later contribute to the establishment of democratically oriented economic and social systems aimed at overcoming social tensions. In addition, the training at German institutions of higher education should especially qualify the scholarship holders as partners in political and economic cooperation with Germany. With this programme, DAAD intends to contribute to the support of Good Governance and civil society structures in selected partner countries and regions.

Who can apply?

The scholarship scheme is open to candidates from Africa, Latin America, South Asia, Southeast Asia as well as from countries in the Middle East (see attached **list of countries**).

Target group

Very well qualified graduates with a first university degree (Bachelor or equivalent) who in the future want to actively contribute to the social and economic development of their home countries. The scholarships are offered both for young graduates without professional experience and for mid-career professionals.

What is fundable?

The scholarships are for Master courses at a German institution of higher education. The successful candidates will study on one of the selected Master courses listed below. The courses have an international orientation and are taught in German and/or English.

The scholarship holders will study in groups and be offered special tutoring at their host institutions. Furthermore, there is the possibility of networking events for participants in different courses and their attendance at tailor-made summer-schools.

Before taking up their Master studies the scholarship holders will be placed on German courses in Germany for normally 6 months (this also applies to scholarship holders in Master courses taught in English).

DAAD pays a monthly scholarship rate of currently 750 €. The scholarship also includes contributions to health insurance in Germany. In addition, DAAD grants an appropriate travel allowance as well as a study and research subsidy and in applicable cases rent subsidies and / or family allowances.

Selection

In addition to the study results achieved so far, the main criterion for selection is a convincing description of the subject-related and personal motivation for the study project in Germany and the expected benefit after the return to the home country.

For Master courses taught in German or in German and English, good knowledge of German (ideally at completed A 2 level at the time of application) is an advantage for being able to pass the German language test required for admission to the Master programme at the end of the six-month preparatory German course. For courses taught in English, proof of good knowledge of English (generally a minimum of 550 TOEFL scores or equivalent) is required.

The university degree should have been obtained during the six years before the application for the scholarship. Applicants cannot be considered if they have been in Germany for more than one year at the time of application.

All Master courses have further additional requirements that must be fulfilled by the applicants at any case.

Application

Important **application papers** to be submitted include

- DAAD application form for research grants and study scholarships (please download **here**);
- Motivation Letter containing a precise description of the applicant's academic / professional and personal reasons for wishing to participate in the programme;
- Full Curriculum Vitae including information about precise field of study and, if applicable, description of job experience;
- Recent language certificates giving evidence of your level of proficiency in English (TOEFL, IELTS) and if applicable in German. Please make sure to register in time for the respective tests. Fees for obtaining such certificates are considered as a personal career investment and will not be reimbursed.
- Two letters of recommendation by university professors and/or current or former employers;
- Officially authenticated copies of all certificates.
- In this programme it is **not** necessary to submit proof of contact with the selected university.

Further information about the papers to be submitted is listed on the **application form** which can be also obtained from the Internet (www.daad.de/en/form), from the diplomatic and consular representations of the Federal Republic of Germany or from the local DAAD lecturers, Offices or Information Centres. The application must be written in English or German. Papers should not be stapled and preferably be in DIN A4 format (or smaller).

DAAD cannot consider incomplete applications.

Applications have to be made for one of the Master courses listed below. You can indicate a second and third choice from the list. Studying on a Master course not included in the list cannot be funded within this programme.

The decision on the award of scholarships will be taken by a selection committee composed of professors from the Master courses and representatives of DAAD.

Deadline

The complete set of application papers must generally be submitted by **31 July 2011** to the usual application address **in your home country** (in most cases the local DAAD or diplomatic representation).

You will find the exact address to which the application has to be submitted and possibly a country specific deadline on the DAAD website at **country specific information**. You can also ask the German diplomatic and consular representations or the DAAD representatives in your home country. They can also provide addresses of other institutions in your country to which you could turn for information and advice.

Contact and advice

Further information can be obtained from DAAD Section 444 (public-policy@daad.de).

List of Master courses in the PPGG programme

You can choose between following Master courses:

Hertie School of Governance, Berlin: Master of Public Policy (MPP)

University of Duisburg-Essen: MA Development and Governance

Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt: Master of Public Policy (MPP)

and up to 5 additional scholarships for

MPP / Conflict Studies and Management Programme (CSMP)

<http://www.brandtschool.de/projects/conflict/>

Contact person: Ms Silke Adamitza (silke.adamitza@uni-erfurt.de)

Leuphana University of Lüneburg: Public Economics, Law and Politics (PELP)

University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück: Master Management in Non-Profit Organisations

University of Osnabrück: Master Democratic Governance and Civil Society

University of Passau: Governance and Public Policy

University of Potsdam: Public Policy and Management (PPM)

Please make sure to scrutinize the admission requirements of the Master course of your choice. The DAAD scholarship will only come into effect if you will be admitted to the selected Master course. For this purpose you might be asked to submit further documents at a later stage of the process.