

# DAAD Scholarship Programmes for Postgraduate Studies & Research in Germany

**Do you want to do a Ph.D. in Germany?**  
**Does your research require specialized facilities?**  
**Do you want to improve your professional skills?**

Germany's broad spectrum of research facilities enjoy high international prestige and exhibit a high degree of innovation. Germany offers a unique network of university and non-university research, which collaborates closely with industry and commerce. Highly qualified scientists and specialists from all over the world find a warm welcome in our network of top-level research which is nurtured by the international exchange of ideas and people.

The DAAD offers financial support for individuals who want to go to Germany for research or further professional qualification. DAAD grants are available to graduate students, academics, and professionals and are open to applications from all fields.

In the following you will find a brief overview of the scholarship programmes the DAAD offers in the P.R.China. Scholarships are competitive and recipients are selected by independent selection committees on the basis of outstanding academic records and convincing and feasible project proposals or statements of purpose. Grantees are expected to return to China at the end of the scholarship period.

## Language requirements

Applicants are required to have excellent language proficiency in German or English (IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL iBT 80).

## Application

Application forms and further details about the DAAD scholarship programmes can be obtained from our website at [www.daad.org.cn](http://www.daad.org.cn). You may also contact the DAAD Beijing Office by our e-mail at [scholarship@daad.org.cn](mailto:scholarship@daad.org.cn) or by phone.

Completed applications must be returned to our office **by mail**. Applications sent by e-mail or fax, incomplete applications or applications postmarked after the given deadline will not be considered.

## Postgraduate Studies

### Postgraduate Courses for Professionals with Relevance to Developing Countries

Scholarships for a number of selected Master Courses which provide young professionals with further specialised studies to improve their skills. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree and have at least 2 years of related work experience. Please refer to the DAAD homepage [www.daad.org.cn](http://www.daad.org.cn) for current course offers.

**Duration:** 1 - 2 years, depending on the selected course

**Age limit:** 36 years (for some courses 32 years)

**Application deadline:** August 31 at DAAD Beijing office (or later if applying directly to the university)

**Value per month:** 715 - 975 EUR, + health insurance allowance

### Scholarships for Studies and Research in Sustainability (Type A)

These scholarships offer Chinese graduates from special fields opportunities to gain a Master's degree in Germany. Studies areas to be funded will be announced in September each year.

**Duration:** max. 24 months

**Age limit:** 26 years at the time of application.

**Application deadline:** December 15 (date to be confirmed)

**Value per month:** 795 EUR, + health insurance allowance, + international travel and luggage costs

### Scholarships for Artists

These study scholarships provide holders of a degree in Fine Art, Design, Film, Music, Architecture, or Performing Arts with an opportunity to complete a course of extension studies, without gaining a formal degree or qualification, at a state institution of higher education in Germany.

**Duration:** 1 year

Age limit: 32 years

Application deadline: September 15

Value per month: 715 EUR + health insurance allowance + international travel and luggage costs

## Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Studies

### Scholarship Programmes for PhD Studies in Germany

(in cooperation with China Scholarship Council - CSC)

Financial support for individuals who would like to carry out a PhD research project at a German higher education institution or non-university research institute. Grants are available to graduate students with a Master's degree and PhD candidates from both universities and research institutes in China and are open to all disciplines.

#### *"Sandwich"-type Scholarship for Doctoral Candidates*

Grants for Chinese PhD candidates who will carry out a research project in Germany with the aim of gaining a doctorate at the home university in China.

Duration: 7 months - 2 years

Age limit: 36 years when taking up the scholarship

#### *Research Grants for Full Doctoral Studies in Germany*

Grants for holders of a Master's degree with the aim of gaining a PhD degree in Germany

Duration: max. 3 years, in exceptions for max. 4 years

Age limit: 32 years when taking up the scholarship

Application deadline: Applications have to be submitted **in parallel** both to the DAAD Beijing Office and to the CSC office in Beijing before **June 15**. (For detailed information please refer to [www.csc.edu.cn](http://www.csc.edu.cn)).

Language requirements: Applicants should have excellent language proficiency in German or English (IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL iBT 80 / TEM 8). Successful applicants will start a compulsory German language training in March of the following year. For candidates from the natural sciences and engineering the length of the German language training is one semester, for candidates from the humanities and social sciences the length of the language training is two semesters.

Value per month: 795 - 975 EUR + health insurance in Germany + international travel costs

### CAS-DAAD Scholarships

With this programme doctoral students from institutes of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) are provided the opportunity to perform part of their doctoral research in German universities and research institutions with the exception of Max-Planck-Institutes.

Duration: 12 months, extension to a total length of 22 months possible

Age limit: 36 years when taking up the scholarship

Application deadline: Applications have to be submitted to the CAS-institute (Please contact the institute for detailed information).

Value per month: In the first year: 1000 Euro/month (borne by CAS),

In the second year: 975 Euro/month, research allowance 460 Euro (borne by DAAD)

health insurance in Germany, international travel expenses, German language course in China

### Short-term Research Grants

Grants for PhD candidates and recent Post-Docs to conduct research in Germany as part of a larger project (e.g. their PhD studies or a Post-Doc in China).

Duration: 1 - 6 months

Age limit: 32 years when taking up the scholarship

Application deadline: Apply at any time at the DAAD Beijing Office, but at least 5 months before the planned stay in Germany.

Value per month: 795 - 975 EUR + health insurance allowance + travel and luggage costs

### Siemens-DAAD Postgraduate Programme

With this programme the Siemens AG and the DAAD aim to give young and early-stage researchers (Master's degree in the last two years) from selected Chinese universities and CAS-institutes who are particularly qualified in specific subjects areas the opportunity to spend a longer period of time doing research within the scope of international projects. The individual research projects, which will be supervised by researchers working at universities in Germany, can be completed with a doctorate in

Germany or in the respective home country. For information about available Chinese universities and research fields please refer to the DAAD homepage ([www.daad.org.cn](http://www.daad.org.cn))

**Duration:** max. 36 months (Doctorate in Germany), 12 - 24 months (Doctorate in China)

**Application deadline:** January 31 (date to be confirmed)

**Value per month:** 975 EUR, + health insurance in Germany, + travel allowance

### **Scholarships for Studies and Research in Sustainability (Type B/C)**

These scholarships offer Chinese doctoral students and post-docs from special fields opportunities to conduct a doctoral or postdoctoral research in Germany. Studies and research areas to be funded will be announced in September each year.

#### *Type B:*

Doctorate in Germany

**Duration:** max. 36 months

#### *Type C:*

Postdoctoral research in Germany

**Duration:** 6 - 24 months

**Age limit:** 32 years (Type B), doctorate in the last two years (Type C) at the time of application.

**Application deadline:** December 15 (date to be confirmed)

**Value per month:** Type B: 975 EUR, + health insurance allowance, + international travel and luggage costs, Type C: 1840 EUR

### **Scholarships for Studies and Research in Sustainability (Collaborative Research Project “Yangtze Region”)**

These scholarships offer Chinese doctoral students and post-docs the opportunity to work on collaborative research projects relating to the “Three Gorges Dam Project” on the Yangtze River in selected German universities and institutes. For information about the research areas to be funded and available German research institutions please visit the DAAD homepage [www.daad.org.cn](http://www.daad.org.cn)

#### *Type A:*

Doctorate in Germany

**Duration:** max. 36 months

**Age limit:** 32 years at the time of application

#### *Type B:*

Research projects with the aim of gaining a doctorate in China

**Duration:** 6 - 24 months

**Age limit:** 36 years at the time of application.

#### *Type C:*

Postdoctoral research in Germany

**Duration:** 6-24 months

**Age limit:** doctorate in the last three years before application

**Application deadline:** December 31 (date to be confirmed)

**Value per month:** Type A/B: 975 EUR, + health insurance allowance, + travel and luggage costs, Type C: 1840 EUR

### **Scholarships for excellent young Chinese scholars**

In cooperation with the Ministry of Education (MoE) of China the DAAD offers outstanding young Chinese scholars from selected Chinese top universities the possibility to do doctoral or postdoctoral research at German universities and research institutions included in the “Excellence Initiative”. Lists of eligible Chinese universities and German universities and research institutes will be announced at the end of each year.

**Duration:** 12 months (doctoral students), 6-12 months (post-doc)

**Application deadline:** Applications have to be submitted to the China Scholarship Council, for details please refer to the homepage of the MoE [www.moe.edu.cn](http://www.moe.edu.cn)

### **Alexander von Humboldt Post-Doctoral Fellowships**

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) enables young highly qualified scholars who hold doctorates to carry out research projects of their own choice in Germany. The prestigious programme is highly competitive (only up to 600 fellowships are granted worldwide every year). Applicants should already have published articles in international journals. (For details see [www.avh.de](http://www.avh.de))

**Duration:** 6 - 12 months, extension to up to 24 months possible

**Age limit:** 40 years at the time of application

**Application deadline:** Apply at any time at the AvH Foundation or the DAAD Beijing Office.

## Academics

### Research Stays and Study Visits for University Academics and Scientists

These scholarships aim to provide academics and scientists working in higher education or at research institutes with the opportunity to carry out a research project at state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute in Germany. The applicants should generally be not older than 60 years and have not been on a research related visit to Germany within the last 3 years.

**Duration:** 1 - 3 months

**Application deadline:** September 15 for stays beginning in the first half of the following year, January 31 for stays beginning in the second half of the year

**Value per month:** 1840 EUR

### Re-invitation Programme for Former DAAD Scholarship Holders

Short-term research grants for former DAAD long-term scholarship holders or former scholarship holders who had studied in the GDR for at least 1 year and have not been on a research related visit to Germany within the last 3 years.

**Duration:** 1 - 3 months

**Application deadline:** September 15 for stays beginning in the first half of the following year, January 31 for stays beginning in the second half of the year

**Value per month:** 1840 EUR

### Exchange Programme for Academics & Scientists

This programme, set up under the Cultural Agreement between China and Germany, enables academics and scientists to carry out a study visit at a German university or research institute.

**Duration:** 1 - 3 months

**Application deadline:** for details please contact the Chinese Ministry of Education (MoE)

**Note: Applications have to be submitted to the MoE, not to the DAAD!**

**Value per month:** 1840 EUR

### DAAD-K.C.Wong Fellowships

Research grants for senior academics, research fellows, and engineers holding a PhD degree and a position of associate professor or associate research fellow at least to carry out a joint research project with a German university or research institute.

**Duration:** 3 - 12 months

**Age limit:** None, but younger applicants will be preferred

**Application deadline:** December 1 and May 1 at DAAD Beijing Office or DAAD head office in Bonn

**Value per month:** 1270 EUR, + health insurance in Germany

## Universities and Research Institutes

### China/Germany Joint Research Programme (PPP)

Programme jointly funded by the DAAD and the China Scholarship Council to promote joint research between scientists in Germany and China by granting support for the exchange of project partners.

**Duration:** Multiple short-term research stays within 2 years

**Application deadline:** June 15 (date to be confirmed)

**Note: Applications have to be submitted by Chinese and German partners in parallel to CSC and DAAD head office in Bonn respectively** (see [www.csc.edu.cn](http://www.csc.edu.cn) and [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de) for details).

## DAAD

The DAAD promotes international academic relations and cooperation, particularly by offering mobility programmes for students, academic staff, and researchers. With more than 65,000 individuals supported annually, the DAAD is one of the world's largest academic exchange organisations.

Its goals are:

- to enable young academic elites from around the world to become leaders in the fields of science, culture, economics, and politics - as well as friends and partners of Germany.
- to qualify young German elites to assume positions of leadership in a global environment by providing them with international and intercultural experiences.
- to enhance the internationalisation of German higher education institutions, by way of increasing their attractiveness for the top students and scholars from around the world.
- to promote German studies, the German language, literature, and area studies in universities worldwide.
- to support academic and scientific advancement in developing countries as a means of supporting the reform process there.

The DAAD was founded in 1925 and, after World War II, formally re-established in 1950. It is an organisation jointly set up by the higher education institutions (universities and Fachhochschulen) in Germany, registered under private law but primarily funded by the government. The head office of the DAAD is situated in Bonn, and there are 14 branch offices all over the world. The Beijing office was established in 1994.