

Scholarships for the Post Graduate Master Programme 'Landscape Ecology and Nature Conservation (LENC)'

DAAD scholarship programme 'Development-Related Postgraduate Courses - Educating Professionals for Sustainable Development (EPOS)'

Background

For the **student intake in 2023** the international Master Programme 'Landscape Ecology and Nature Conservation (LENC)' offers up to 8 full DAAD-EPOS scholarships to applicants from developing countries (**see DAC list below**).

Scholarship Grant Details

Grants for Master's students can be awarded for up to a maximum of 24 months.

The grant includes:

- Monthly scholarship installment of 850,- EUR
- Home country dependent lump-rate travel allowance
- Annually study and research subsidies, additional support for families
- Costs of insurance for health, accident and personal liability insurance in Germany
- Two-month German language course (in Germany or online) starting in August 2023 (mandatory!)
- Additional DAAD services like network meetings and workshops

Entry Requirements

- Bachelor of Sciences or a comparable degree with far above average results (upper third)
- At least two years' relevant professional experience (e.g. in a public authority or a state or private company)
- The last academic degree should not be more than six years old
- Applicants which hold a Master degree already can only be accepted (exceptionally) if the necessity for a second Master qualification is clearly explained.

Application

Please submit your application documents strictly according to the requirements described below in the following order (as **single files with clear file names and numbers**):

1. DAAD application form with signature and date (https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf)

2. Curriculum vitae with photo, personal signature and current date

Please use the sample europass form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>

3. Letter of motivation

Personally **signed** Letter of Motivation (with reference to current occupation and choice of postgraduate programme(s), 1 page maximum) **with current date**. Applicants are requested to explain why they are interested in attending a particular postgraduate course with reference to their current employment. They further should describe their development-related

motivation and how they intend to make full use of their scholarship and education by taking on social responsibility later in their career

IMPORTANT: When applying for more than one postgraduate course (maximum 3 courses), you have to explain in your motivation letter why you are applying for all these specific courses, and why you chose that specific priority!

4. Reference letter

Letter of recommendation from your current employer; the letter must have **letterhead, a signature and official stamp and must be of current date** (not in a sealed envelope)

5. Proof of current and previous work situation (Certificate of Employment)

All applicants must submit proof of at least two years of professional work experience and state their current work situation at the time of application. It is required to submit the following proof: Certificate(s) of employment that include the exact position and period of employment; a letter of reference from the employer(s), ideally guaranteeing re-employment after completion of the postgraduate course in Germany.

The certificate(s) have/has to include your exact position(s) and period(s) of employment and relevant working experience (monthly basis: e.g. from 1/2018 – 12/2022). This dated statement(s) has/have to have a **letter head, a stamp and signature of the employer**. Employments parallel to studying or internship periods will not be accepted. Ideally in the letter of reference from your current employer(s) a statement is included, guaranteeing re-employment after completion of the postgraduate course in Germany.

6. Certification of English language skills

IELTS (minimum score: Band 6.0) or TOEFL (minimum score: 550 paper based, 213 computer based, 80 internet based). Note: The institutional TOEFL is not accepted.

7. Copies of awarded academic degrees including grading-scale (certified translation if necessary)

8. Copies of academic transcripts, incl. grading-scale (certified translation if necessary)

Additional application formalities for China: Applicants from the People's Republic of China are asked to submit an APS Certificate with their application documents.

IMPORTANT: The complete applications have to be submitted in English or German to be considered. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. If applying to more than one course, please list courses in order of priority in the DAAD application forms and do not change these priorities in the respective application. When applying for more than one postgraduate course (maximum 3 courses), you have to explain in your motivation letter why you are applying for all these specific courses, and why you chose that specific priority!

All submitted applications forms, including all required documents, copies, etc. become property of the DAAD. The applicant has no right to payment or reimbursement. No documents will be returned.

Application deadline: December 15th, 2022

Applications have to be sent via e-mail to the LENC coordination office (see address below).

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