

Fellowships for Young Researchers and Recent Post Doctoral Scholars

Aim:

To undertake a research project at one of the German Universities or Research Institutions without any degree awarded

Target Group:

Teachers and scientist at Indian universities and research institutions from any discipline

Duration:

1 to 3 years

Scholarship value:

- Stipend of Euro 1000.00 for Ph.D. scholars and Euro 750.00 for Master degree holders
- A lump sum towards air fare from India to Germany and back
- Exemption from payment of university tuition fees
- A study and research subsidy
- Compulsory health insurance covered by DAAD
- 2 months German Language Course in India - free tuition*
- 4 months German Language Course in Germany - free tuition, boarding, lodging plus pocket allowance during the period of the German language course in Germany (preceding studies/research)
- Spouse allowance** and additional rent subsidy***

Requirements & Conditions:

- A 1st class Master's Degree
- There should not be a gap of more than 6 years between the award of last degree (M.A., M.Sc., M.Phil., etc.) and 4 years since award of the Ph.D. and the application deadline (1st October)
- Candidates must have a recent dated acceptance letter confirming academic supervision from a German Professor on the university's letterhead with a clear reference to the candidate's research project
- A detailed research proposal including a precise work schedule are the most important selection criterion besides previous academic achievements
- German language skills are not mandatory****
- In general, candidates should be residing in India at the time of application. Candidates, who have been in Germany for more than one year at the time of application, are not eligible to apply
- Preference will be given to candidates who are permanently employed and whose employers undertake to re-employ them on return

Documents:

To be arranged in the order mentioned below

- 2 application forms with a passport-size photograph attached to each form. Please ensure that you have signed both forms before sending them to us.
- 2 typed copies of full curriculum-vitae (bio-data)
- 2 copies of the confirmation from a German professor stating that she / he is willing to guide the research project (if candidate has more than one confirmed placement, preference should be indicated – 1st priority, 2nd priority, etc.)
- 2 typed copies of detailed description and precise work schedule for the topic of the proposed research project
- 2 references from senior academics from the applicant's field of study/research on the proforma available on our website. The referee's title and academic status should be clearly indicated in this (with official rubber-stamp). These should be Confidential (in sealed envelopes) and should be recent-dated
- 2 typed copies of list of academic publications, if any; 1 set of available reprints, if any
- 2 copies of all chronologically arranged academic certificates and mark-sheets (all copies must be attested; attested English translation, if the originals are in Hindi; Attestation can be done by a gazetted Government officer).

Application Procedure:

The application submission process is online. The link is available on our website
 The deadline for submission of applications is 1st October of each year
 Important: DAAD will not consider incomplete applications
 All short-listed candidates have to attend a personal interview

Timeline

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| • Announcement | July/August 2009 |
| • Application deadline | 1 st October 2009 |
| • Selection Interview | Last week of November 2009 |
| • Language course for selected scholars | April-May 2010 (India);
June-Sept. 2010 (Germany) |
| • Beginning of Post Doc Research | 1 st October 2010 |

*Out station participants will also get a lump sum towards travel & lodging

**Married scholars, who wish to call their spouses to Germany after the completion of the German language course, for duration longer than 3 months, may apply for an extra family allowance. DAAD does not cover for the visa fee, air ticket, insurance and other incidental expenses of the spouse.

***Under special conditions where awardees are not able to rent accommodation within the financial limits, an additional rent subsidy can be applied for

**** Candidates in the fields of Law and Philosophy must have a good knowledge of the German Language.

Note: Please use A4 size paper only and DO NOT staple the documents