

# **„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa”**

**Call for Scholarship Applications for 2018  
at the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian  
Studies, University of the Western Cape  
in South Africa**

**Funded by the Federal Ministry for  
Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**

**Application Closing Date: December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017**



## Programme Objectives

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), as a publicly funded, selfgoverning organisation of the institutions of higher education in Germany, promotes international academic exchange as well as educational co-operation with developing countries through a variety of funding and scholarship programmes.

The **Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)** of the **University of the Western Cape** offers a regional Master/ PhD degree programme meeting the need for highly qualified scientists in Africa:

- Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies

As part of the “In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme”, in which more than 50 African universities and university networks participate and which annually supports almost 1.000 African postgraduates, DAAD in close collaboration with the GIZ assisted programme “Strengthening Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)” is able to offer scholarships for postgraduate studies at PLAAS. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) within the framework of the special initiative “One World – No Hunger” and is implemented in cooperation with the African Land Policy Initiative (LPI) and the World Bank. The scholarships aim at young candidates, mid-career professionals, researchers and university staff development in the first line, without neglecting other public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

DAAD is offering up to **3 scholarships** for a Master programme and up to **3 scholarships** for a PhD programme in the degree course listed above.

## Application requirements

### Applicants

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree (Master candidates) or a two-year university degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (upper forth of class);
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment;
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction;
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application;
- must be nationals or permanent resident of an African Country;
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector.

*Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.*

The scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted. All further information will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

## Eligible fields

The In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to land governance/ land management.

Applications may come from the subject areas of land administration and management, land economics, natural resource economics, environmental economics, development economics, real estate development and management, environmental law, development studies, urban and regional planning, urban development and management, geomatics (GIS & Surveying), geography, natural resource management, agriculture economics and other land related

	fields with strong relevance to national development.
Place of tenure	PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa
Duration and Commencement	<p>The duration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• of the PhD programme is three years</li><li>• of the Master programme is two years</li></ul> <p>generally <b>starting in March 2018</b></p>
Application and Selection Procedure	<p><b>The application process contains two steps.</b></p> <p><u>First step:</u> Applicants must apply for their studies at PLAAS using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. PLAAS has set their own deadlines.</p> <p>PLAAS will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and shortlist the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will also be availed to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain double or triple the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.</p> <p>DAAD reserves the right of final selection.</p> <p><u>Second step:</u> Pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal and register themselves and submit an DAAD application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered): <a href="https://portal.daad.de">https://portal.daad.de</a>, <b>Deadline: 21.12.2017</b></li><li>2. Apply online via the DAAD-Portal under the tab "Personal Funding"/ "Application"</li></ol> <p>Documents to be submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- DAAD application form duly filled (available in the DAAD-Portal)</li><li>- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the european specimen form at <a href="http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu">http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu</a>), including a list of publications (if applicable).</li><li>- Recommendation letter by university teachers (Master 1, PhD 2)</li><li>- Letter of admission for the host university / institution / network</li><li>- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts</li><li>- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")</li><li>- Copy of the passport</li></ul> <p>PhD candidates have to submit the following additional documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor</li><li>- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including detailed work and time table (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")</li><li>- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)</li></ul> <p><b>Closing date for the submission of DAAD scholarship applications is</b></p>

December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017.

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Amount in €
Tuition fees	the regularly charged amount
Study and research allowance	Master: 460,- per year PhD: 920,- per year
Printing allowance	1.025,- in the last six months of study
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	Master and PhD: 400,-
Travel allowance	neighbouring country: 220,- in-region: 370,- out-of-region: 690,-
Insurance	expenses for health insurance /standard tariff, maximum an equivalent of 69,- EUR per month) shall be refunded upon request and presentation of an original receipt of payment

The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

Additional benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for a **research grant in Germany** for 2 up to 6 months, if the necessary financial means are available. Please note: **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship.**

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs which amounts to 1.000 € per month
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

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