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In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa

Call for Scholarship Applications 2021 at the Institute for Land, Poverty and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape

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**Application Closing Date at PLAAS: August 7th, 2020
Application Closing Date at DAAD: September 11th, 2020**



Programme Objectives

As part of the “In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme” DAAD in close collaboration with the GIZ assisted programme “Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)” is able to offer scholarships for postgraduate studies within the Network of Excellence for Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)". 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”.

NELGA is a partnership of leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance. Currently NELGA has more than 50 partner institutions across Africa.

Its overall objective is to promote good land governance by strengthening human and institutional capacities for the implementation of sustainable and development-oriented land policy in Africa.

The target group for scholarships are graduates and postgraduates from Africa with a first academic degree if applying for a Master's programme, or with a Master's degree if applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue Master's or PhD courses. **In-Region Scholarships** are aimed at students who want to participate in a study programme outside their home country. **In-Country Scholarships** are aimed at students who study in their home country or in the country for which they have a residence permit.

DAAD offers up to 3 scholarships for Master studies and 3 scholarships for PhD studies at PLAAS for the intake 2021.

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 (at least: upper second-class honours (a 2.1/2.i));
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment;
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction;
- must be nationals or permanent resident of an African country;
- hold a SAQA Certificate of Evaluation or be in the process of obtaining one if they hold a non-South African university degree;
- 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.

Scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to a maximum of the regular period of study upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

Eligible Fields

The scholarships at PLAAS are available for the following Master and PhD courses:

- *Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies*

Place of Tenure

University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

Duration and Commencement

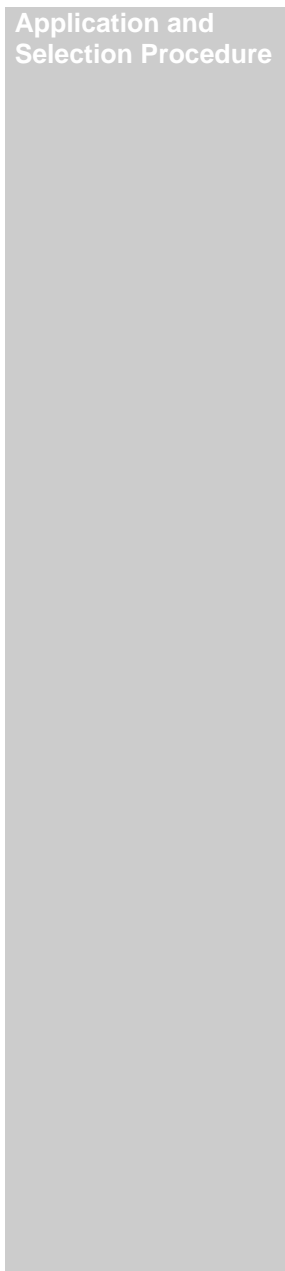
The duration

- of the Master programme is two years
- of the PhD programme is three years



generally **starting in March 2021**.

Please note that the maximum duration of the scholarship is based on the time that is left until the scholarship holder has reached the regular period of studies in that programme; i.e., if you apply for a DAAD scholarship starting in your second year of studies of a three-year programme, the maximum duration of the scholarship will be two years.



Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps. Please be aware of the two application deadlines.

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at PLAAS using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. **PLAAS Deadline of Application: August 7, 2020.**

PLAAS will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and short-list 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 preferably triple the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Second step:

PLAAS will provide the shortlisted candidates with the link to the DAAD-Portal. Only the pre-selected candidates are asked to register themselves and apply for the scholarship. **DAAD Deadline of Application: September 11, 2020**

Documents to be submitted in English:

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>), including a list of publications (if applicable)
- Letter of motivation
- Recommendation letter by university teachers (Master: 1/ PhD: 2)
- Letter of admission for the host university
- Certified copies of all university degree certificates including transcripts
- In case of non-South African university degrees: SAQA Certificate of Evaluation
- Passport copy

PhD candidates must submit the following **additional documents**:

- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including detailed work and timetable (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay, see “Additional benefits”)
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)



Scholarship Funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition Fees	annually	<u>Master</u> 1 st year: 37.905,- ZAR (national) 72.595,- ZAR (international)
		2 nd year: 1.445,- ZAR (both)

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		<u>PhD</u> 1 st year: 37.905, ZAR (national) 67.245,- ZAR (international) 2 nd /3 rd year: 1.445,- ZAR (both)
Study and research allowance	annually	460 EUR (Master) 920 EUR (PhD)
Printing allowance	once at the end	400 EUR (Master) 800 EUR (PhD)
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	Master In-Country: 400 EUR Master In-Region: 450 EUR PhD In-Country: 450 EUR PhD In-Region: 500 EUR
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	twice (beginning/end of scholarship)	The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award
Insurance (for In-Region only)	upon request	If applicable <i>Further information regarding the health insurance will be specified in the letter of award</i>

The scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

The DAAD will endeavour to transfer/pay out the first payments as quickly as possible after the scholarship holder has arrived at the host institution. Nevertheless, it is recommended to bring a financial reserve for the first time period.

Additional Benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for an additional **research fellowship** for 1 up to 3 months. Please note: **The research fellowship should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship/extension** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.

The research fellowship includes:

- a monthly fellowship for research which amounts to 460 EUR
- a flat-rate travel allowance (if applicable)

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

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