

Master's Scholarships for Public Policy and Good Governance (PPGG)

What are the objectives of the programme?

This new programme is designed to academically qualify future leaders in politics, law, economics and administration according to the principles of Good Governance and to prepare them in a praxis-oriented course for their professional life. The programme offers very good graduates with a first university degree (Bachelor or equivalent) the chance to obtain a Master's degree in disciplines that are of special relevance for the social, political and economic development of their home country. With the knowledge and experience acquired in Germany the scholarship holders should later contribute to the establishment of democratically devised economic and social systems aimed at overcoming social tensions. In addition, the training at German institutions of higher education should especially qualify the scholarship holders as partners in political and economic cooperation with Germany. With this programme, DAAD intends to contribute to the support of Good Governance and civil society structures in selected partner countries and regions.

Who can apply?

The scholarship scheme is open to candidates from Africa, Latin America, South Asia, Southeast Asia as well as from countries in the Middle East.

Target group

Very well qualified graduates with a first university degree (Bachelor or equivalent) who in the future want to actively contribute to the social and economic development of their home countries.

What is fundable?

Scholarships for (generally) two-year Master courses at a German institution of higher education. The successful candidates will study on selected Master courses with one of the following focuses: Public Policy, Good Governance, International Relations, Public Management, Administration, Civil Society. The courses have an international orientation and are taught in German and / or English. The scholarship holders will study in groups and be offered special tutoring at their host institutes. Furthermore, there is the possibility of networking events for participants in different courses and their attendance at tailor-made summer-schools. All scholarship holders will be placed in German courses for 4 to 6 months before taking up their Master studies.

DAAD pays a monthly scholarship rate of currently 750 €. The scholarship also includes contributions to health insurance in Germany. In addition, DAAD grants an appropriate travel allowance as well as a study and research subsidy and in applicable cases rent subsidies and / or family allowances.

Selection

In addition to the study results achieved so far, the main criterion for selection is a convincing description of the subject-related and personal motivation for the study project in Germany and the expected benefit after the return to the home country.

For Master courses taught in German or in German and English language good German knowledge (ideally at completed A 2 level at the time of application) is an advantage, as the universities generally require good German knowledge. For courses taught in English documented good English knowledge (generally a minimum of 550 TOEFL scores or equivalent) is required.

The university degree should have been obtained during the last six years before the application for the scholarship. Applicants cannot be considered if they have been in Germany for more than one year at the time of application. All Master courses have further additional requirements that must be fulfilled by the applicants at any case.

Application

Information about the papers to be submitted is listed on the application form ("Antrag auf ein Forschungs-/ Studienstipendium") which can be obtained from the Internet (www.daad.de/de/form), from the diplomatic and consular representations of the Federal Republic of Germany or from the DAAD lecturers, Offices and Information Centres in your home country where you can also submit your application.

DAAD cannot consider incomplete applications.

The decision on the award of scholarships will be taken by a selection committee composed of professors from the Master courses and representatives of DAAD.

Deadline

The complete set of application papers must be submitted by **31 October 2008**.

Contact and advice

Further information can be obtained from DAAD section 444 (public-policy@daad.de).

Information

On the DAAD website at **country specific information** you will find the address to which the application has to be submitted. You can also ask the German diplomatic and consular representations or the DAAD representatives in your home country for further information and advice. They can also provide addresses of other institutions to which you could turn for information and advice.