



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme Kenya

**Call for Scholarship Applications 2022
at African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)**

[PhD programme in Agriculture Economics]

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

Application Closing Date in the DAAD Portal: 15 December 2021





Programme Objectives

The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Sub-Saharan Africa with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development. To this end, scholarships are granted for development-related Master or doctoral studies for individuals who plan to pursue a career in teaching and/or research at a higher education institution in Sub-Saharan Africa.

By training future academic and professional leaders, the programme contributes to the following **long-term impacts**:

- Qualified professionals' involvement in the solution of development-related problems in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Graduates strengthening education and research in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Structural strengthening and regional networking of partner institutions and partner universities

To achieve these long-term impacts, the following outcomes have been formulated as programme objectives:

Programme objective 1: Graduates have qualified to take over responsible positions in or for their region of origin

Programme objective 2: The participation of women and underprivileged groups is reinforced

Programme objective 3: Organizational, financial and personal capacities of partner institutions are strengthened

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“, DAAD offers scholarships for PhD studies. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

The target group for scholarships are graduates and postgraduates from Sub-Saharan Africa with a Master's if applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue PhD courses, either

- in 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.)

- or -

- in another Sub-Sahara African country

(**In-Region scholarships** are aimed at students who want to participate in a study programme in a country of their home region (here: Sub-Sahara Africa/outside their home country).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with AERC by offering up to 6 In-Country/In-Region Scholarships for PhD studies at AERC for the intake 2022.

The awarding of scholarships will be subject to the provision of funds.



Application requirements

Applicants must meet the following DAAD criteria:

- have successfully completed generally a two-year university degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (at least: Second Class/Upper Division or equivalent, if applicable)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have generally completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent residents of a Sub-Sahara 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 and/or d) Alumni of the DAFI-programme

Female applicants, refugees with recognized refugee status and candidates from other 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.

Please note: AERC might have additional requirements for admission to the university.

Eligible fields

The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development.

The scholarships at AERC are available in the following field:

- *PhD in Agriculture Economics*

Place of tenure

AERC Member Universities in Eastern Africa: Makerere University (Uganda), Sokoine University of Agricultural Sciences (Tanzania), Egerton University & University of Nairobi (Kenya), Haramaya University (Ethiopia)

Duration and Commencement

The duration of the PhD programme is generally three years and is usually starting in September or October, depending on the member university.

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 DAAD application deadline as well as AERC's deadline.

First step:

Applicants must apply for the scholarship via the DAAD portal. Applicants are asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit a DAAD application. **DAAD Deadline: 15 December 2021.**

Parallel to this process, applicants must at the same time apply for admission at AERC partner universities using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institutions. **AERC has set its own deadlines.** Please inform yourself about the respective admission processes at the host institution.

Only complete applications made to both the DAAD and to AERC will be reviewed.

Please note: In some countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, a document from the Qualifications Authority for previous studies undertaken outside the respective country must be submitted for admission to the universities (e.g. Accreditation from the Higher Education Relevance and Quality Agency in Kenya or Ethiopia). Please note that the application for these documents may take long and that it is the applicant's responsibility to get informed at an early stage in order to receive the documents from the respective authorities in time.

DAAD will conduct a formal examination of the applications received via the DAAD portal according to DAAD criteria. Plagiarism scanning of the PhD proposals submitted will also be done by the DAAD. Only the list of applicants who meet the DAAD application requirements will be availed to AERC for the next step.

Second Step:

AERC will screen, pre-select 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 be availed to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain preferably triple (at least double) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution. Applicants who pass the host institutions pre-selection and DAADs formal checks are invited to an online interview. A selection committee assesses the applicant's aptitude based on the provided documents and the performance in the interview. In addition to the applicant's academic merit, extracurricular activities, motivation and the general fit for the programme, the selection committee will consider impediments described by the applicant in the DAAD application form in the assessment.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Application documents

Mandatory documents to be submitted (in either English or German) for the DAAD scholarship application:

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- 2 recommendation letters by university teachers/lecturers (this can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship begins if it is not available at



the time of application due to the COVID 19 pandemic (Exception is valid only for the year 2021))

- Letter of admission from the host university / institution / network (this can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship begins if it is not available at the time of application)
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts (if available, including a grading scale for the final university grade)
- Letter of motivation
- Copy of the passport (if applicable) or National Identification Card
- If available, information on the recognition of the university degree certificates in the host country
- If applicable, information on the UNHCR registration as refugee
- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor or a commitment letter from the host institution that a supervisor will be assigned
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal (8-10 pages), including detailed work and timetable (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "[Additional benefits](#)")
- Additionally, a Word format of the proposal must be submitted via email to magero@daad.de for plagiarism check.
- Please note that a detailed and comprehensive proposal is necessary for the assessment. Concept notes will not be accepted
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)

Optional:

- Additional documents that might be relevant for your application (e.g. proof of internships, proof of employment).

Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for ensuring that your applications are complete.

Please note that the scholarship only becomes effective as soon as the Admission Letter from the university is issued. This must be submitted to the DAAD Portal as soon as possible and is part of a complete application.

Deadline

15 December 2021

Submission of applications

Applications have to be submitted via the DAAD portal through the following link: https://portal.daad.de/sap/bc/bsp/sap/z_set_cookie/setcookie.htm?fund_ar=stv&id=57607751

Applications submitted through other channels or to other authorities will not be considered.

The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. Central European Time (CET or CEST) on the last application day.



Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition Fees*	annually	<i>the regularly charged amount</i>
Study and research allowance	annually	920 EUR
Printing allowance	once towards the end of the scholarship	800 EUR
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	310 EUR (In-Country) 480 EUR (In-Region)
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	twice (beginning/ end of scholarship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award</i>
Health Insurance (In-Region only)	annually	If applicable; <i>Will be administered by DAAD regional office for Africa</i>

*Please note that in some cases not all fees and costs that are mentioned on the official fee structure of the host institution can be covered by DAAD in full, e.g. if the agreement with the funding organization prevents us from funding certain items in the fee structure or if items that are included in the fees are supposed to be covered through the individual scholarship benefits. DAAD will transfer the fees directly to the host institution.

Payment of scholarship funds

The DAAD will endeavour to transfer / pay out the first monthly payment to you as quickly as possible after your arrival/ after the beginning of your scholarship. Processing the first transfer of funds may take some time, especially if you are able to set up your bank account only after your arrival in your destination country. To be able to cover the costs which arise until you receive your first scholarship payment, we recommend that you bring a financial reserve with you.

Please note that the travel allowance for In-Region scholarship holders will only be transferred along with the first scholarship rate, i.e. after the arrival in the host country.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's bank account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme on the Letter of Award.

Additional benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also

- a) encouraged to apply for a **research stay in Germany** for 3 up to 6 months. Please note: **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.



The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

b) invited to apply for different Summer Schools in Germany (four weeks)

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

Contact and advice

If you have any further questions, please check our [FAQ section](#) on our website or contact

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Virtual web seminars: <https://www.daad.or.ke/en/online-seminar-schedule/>

Enquiries related to the DAAD Scholarship

DAAD Contact Person: Ms. Vivian Magero

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Enquiries related to the general admission and the study programme

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