



# **In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme EFFAL: Empower Future Female Afghan Leaders**

## **Kyrgyzstan track**

**Call for Scholarship Applications 2024  
at the American University of Central Asia**  
[Master study programmes]

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Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Application Closing Date in the DAAD Portal  
(for pre-selected candidates only):  
**March 29, 2024**



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### PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

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The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development. For this purpose, scholarships for development-related Master’s studies are awarded to individuals from Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan with an admission letter by the American University of Central Asia.

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 of Afghanistan and in Kyrgyzstan
- Graduates strengthening education and research in Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan

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 their or for their region of origin

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

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“, DAAD offers scholarships for Master studies at the American University of Central Asia. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The target group for scholarships are graduates from Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan with a first academic degree if applying for a Master’s programme, who want to pursue Master’s, either

- in their home country Kyrgyzstan for candidates from Kyrgyzstan  
(**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 neighbouring country Kyrgyzstan for candidates from Afghanistan  
(**In-Region scholarships** are aimed at students who want to participate in a study programme in a country of their home region (here: Kyrgyzstan /outside their home country/in the country for which they do not have a residence permit)).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with the American University of Central Asia by offering **up to 30 scholarships for Master studies** at the American University of Central Asia for the intake 2024.

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

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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### Applicants

- have successfully completed an university Bachelor degree (Master candidates) with above average results
- 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 Kyrgyzstan or Afghans residing in Kyrgyzstan;
- have an admission letter of the American University of Central Asia for Master programmes beginning in August 2024
- for candidates from Kyrgyzstan belong to a socio-economical marginalized group

*Female applicants, refugees 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: The American University of Central Asia might have additional requirements for admission to the university.

## ELIGIBLE FIELDS

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The scholarships at the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) are available in the fields of graduate programmes offered by AUCA starting in August 2024

## PLACE OF TENURE

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American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

## DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT

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The duration of the Master programme is generally two years and is usually starting in August 2024

The standard period of study and the start date are based on the agreement between the host university and the DAAD.

## APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

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**The application process contains two steps. Please be aware of the DAAD application deadline for pre-selected candidates as well as American University of Central Asia's deadline.**

### First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at the American University of Central Asia using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. The American University of Central Asia **has set its own deadlines.**

The American University of Central Asia 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 a higher number of applicants than the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

### Second step:

The American University of Central Asia will provide the shortlisted candidates with the link to the DAAD portal. Only the pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit a DAAD application. **DAAD's Deadline: March 29, 2024**

## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

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**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)
- Letter of motivation
- Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications (if applicable).
- Letter of admission for the host university
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts (for Master's candidates)
- Copy of the passport

- Only for course-based Master programmes:
  - a semester schedule

**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. DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

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Applications have to be submitted via the DAAD portal.

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**

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The scholarship covers:

Benefits*	Pace of Payment	Amount
<b>Tuition Fees</b>	semester	<i>The regularly charged amount will be specified in the letter of award.</i>
<b>Study and research allowance</b>	semester	92 EUR
<b>Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)</b>	monthly	550 EUR
<b>Digitalization allowance</b>	Once (beginning of scholarship)	917 EUR
<b>Travel allowance (In-Region only)</b>	once (end of scholarship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award.</i>
<b>Insurance (In-Region only)</b>	semester	175 EUR
<b>Additional tuition fee allowance (In-Region only)</b>	yearly	183 EUR

<b>Travel allowance for travel in host country (In-Region only)</b>	semester	92 EUR
<b>Allowance translation (In-Region only)</b>	Once (beginning of scholarship)	92 EUR

\*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 DAAD 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

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The DAAD will endeavour to transfer/pay out the first monthly payment to you via the host institution as quickly as possible after the beginning of your scholarship. Processing the first transfer of funds may take some time. 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.

Payments generally cannot be made in advance/prior of the scholarship start date and the commencement of studies at the host institution. Furthermore, no additional benefits that are not listed in this call for applications, such as benefits for family members, can be made/granted.

The scholarship will be disbursed by the host institution. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme in the Letter of Award.

## CONTACT AND COUNSELING

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### Enquiries related to the DAAD Scholarship

DAAD Contact E-Mail: [effal@daad.de](mailto:effal@daad.de)

### Enquiries related to the general admission and the study programme

American University of Central Asia

Website: [www.auca.kg](http://www.auca.kg)

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