



## Bridge Scholarships Afghanistan 2022

<b>Overview</b>	<p>The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) administers the scholarship programme “Bridge Scholarships Afghanistan 2022” with funds from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). As part of the programme, qualified Afghans, who had to leave their home country due to the current political situation and are already in Germany, will receive the possibility to begin or continue their academic career.</p> <p>Approximately 60 bridge scholarships including family allowances are planned for Afghan students and researchers in 2022, who are already enrolled at a preparatory college or a higher education institution in Germany, resp. who have been accepted as a doctoral candidate or have received a confirmation of supervision resp. an invitation letter from a host institution as a postdoctoral researcher.</p> <p>These grants are intended to enable them to initiate and prepare their academic future prospects in a secure environment, with the support of their respective host institution. In the long term, the aim is to integrate them into the education and labour market in Germany, if a return to Afghanistan is not possible.</p>
<b>Programme objectives</b>	<p>The aim of the programme is to support students and researchers from Afghanistan with bridge scholarships to start or continue their bachelor's or master's studies at a state or state-recognised higher education institution in Germany. In addition, the scholarships are intended to support the implementation of research projects as part of a doctorate or postdoctoral phase at a state or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institution in Germany. The scholarships serve as an initial orientation along the entire tertiary education sector after the arrival of Afghans in Germany.</p>
<b>Target group</b>	<p>Students and researchers from Afghanistan, who are already studying and conducting research at a preparatory college, state or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institution in Germany, or who intend to start a study degree programme or research project shortly.</p>
<b>Application requirements</b>	<p>Undergraduates, graduates, doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines are eligible to apply,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• who can prove that they have Afghan citizenship (no dual citizenship),</li><li>• who are already enrolled as bachelor's or master's students resp. who submit an admission letter until the application deadline or have been accepted as doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers at an institution resp. who submit a confirmation of supervision or an invitation letter until the application deadline,</li><li>• who, as a rule, are already in Germany with a valid residence permit at the time of the application deadline,</li><li>• who, as a rule, have not been staying in Germany for longer than 15 months at the time of the application deadline. This does not exclude applications from Afghans with a longer stay after obtaining a first degree or similar in Germany.</li></ul>
<b>Funding period</b>	<p>1 month to a maximum of 6 months; the length of the grant is decided by the DAAD and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule. The funding must be completed by 31.01.2023 at the latest.</p> <p>The grant is non-renewable.</p>

<p><b>Value</b></p>	<p>Funding of a scholarship encompasses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• depending on the academic level, monthly payments of             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 861 euros for undergraduates (preparatory college and bachelor) and graduates (master),</li> <li>- 1,200 euros for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover</li> </ul> <p>Under certain circumstances, scholarship holders may receive the following additional benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monthly rent subsidy</li> <li>• monthly allowance for family members</li> <li>• in the case of a disability or chronic illness: subsidy for additional costs which result from the disability or chronic illness and are not covered by other funding providers: <a href="#">Further information</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Selection procedure</b></p>	<p>The selection of candidates will be carried out by a selection committees appointed by the section ST33 – Middle East, North Africa of the DAAD.</p> <p>Selection criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Academic qualification (documented by the last qualifying degree: school leaving certificate or higher education certificate)</li> <li>2) Quality of the study or research project             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bachelor and master (documented by an enrolment certificate (if applicable), proof of previous study results (Transcript of Records) resp. admission and proof of language proficiency</li> <li>b) Doctorate and postdoctoral phase (documented by an acceptance as a (post)doctoral candidate (if applicable) and letter of recommendation resp. confirmation of supervision or letter of invitation, research proposal and schedule)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) Personal motivation for the scholarship (documented by a letter of motivation describing the current personal risk situation as well as outlining the future prospects in Germany made possible by a scholarship)</li> </ol> <p>In addition, in order to ensure equal opportunities, the selection committee may take into account special life circumstances, about which the candidate can provide information in the application form.</p>
<p><b>Eligible applicants</b></p>	<p>Candidates are eligible,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• who are of legal age (as a rule at least 18 years old) at the point of application,</li> <li>• who are already enrolled in a preparatory college or a bachelor's degree programme at a state or state-recognised higher education institution in Germany with the aim of studying a bachelor's degree, or who have received a confirmation of admission at a higher education institution until the application deadline,</li> <li>• who are already enrolled in a Master's degree programme at a state or state-recognised higher education institution in Germany with the aim of studying a Master's degree, or who have received a confirmation of admission at a higher education institution until the application deadline,</li> <li>• who have been accepted as a doctoral candidate at a state or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research</li> </ul>

institute in Germany with the aim of obtaining a doctorate, or who can provide a confirmation of supervision until the application deadline,

- who are researching as a postdoctoral candidate at a state or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute in Germany, or who can provide an invitation letter until the application deadline,
- whose last degree qualifying for the intended study or research objective (higher education entrance qualification, bachelor's or master's degree, doctorate) at a foreign or German university at the time of application was generally no more than six years ago.

### Application documents

Applicants have to submit the following documents via the DAAD portal:

- online application form
- Afghan identification document\* along with a valid residence permit for Germany
- confirmation that no dual citizenship exists
- full curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages long)
- letter of motivation (1 to 3 pages long) describing the current personal risk situation as well as outlining the future prospects in Germany made possible by a scholarship
- proof of documentation affirming the current study resp. degree status (see Call for Scholarships Applications in the scholarship database)
- bachelor and master: enrolment certificate for a study degree programme at a state or state-recognised higher education institution in Germany or proof of admission until the application deadline
- doctorate and postdoctoral phase: acceptance as a (post)doctoral student at a state or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute in Germany or a confirmation of supervision resp. invitation letter
- other documents, as indicated in the scholarship database

\* If the identification document has expired, a written explanation must be provided as part of the application stating why a valid document cannot be presented.

**Important to note:** All candidates have to upload German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language. The DAAD reserves the right to request certified copies of the documents, if necessary.

### Application deadline

31.01.2022

**Important to note:** Applications submitted through other channels or via other authorities will not be considered or accepted. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete.

### Contact and consultation

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