

Helmut-Schmidt-Programme (Master's Scholarships for Public Policy and Good Governance) 2022

What are the programme objectives?	The aim of the programme is to further qualify future leaders from the areas of politics, law, business and administration based on the principles of good governance, and to prepare them for their future professional activities in a practice-oriented manner. Highly qualified graduates who have obtained a first higher education degree are offered the opportunity to obtain a master's degree in subjects that are particularly significant with regard to social, political and economic development in their countries of origin. The skills and experiences gained in Germany will enable the funded individuals to contribute to establishing economic and social forms that are democratically-oriented and designed to overcome social inequalities in their home countries. With the Helmut-Schmidt-Programme, the DAAD strives to contribute to promoting good governance and civil society structures in developing and emerging countries.
Who can apply?	Highly qualified graduates from developing and emerging countries (see list of countries) who have obtained their first higher education degree in the subject areas of political and social studies, economics and business administration, legal and administrative sciences.
Target group	The programme is open for future leaders who would like to become actively involved in further social and economic development in their home countries and regions. It is addressed at young graduates, as well as junior managers with job experience (specific requirements apply for some of the participating courses of study, these must be taken into account). The general success of the programme and its alumni shows that candidates with some work experience (including internships and part-time jobs) in, for example, an administration office, governmental structures, NGOs or international organisations tend to particularly benefit from this scholarship opportunity. Political or social involvement (privately, in projects or societies) is also considered an asset.
What is funded?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships (of currently € 861 per month) for master's degree courses at German higher education institutions. • Academic education in the courses of study selected by the DAAD that are listed below, will take place from September/October 2022. The courses of study have an international focus and are offered in German and/or English. • Health insurance cover in Germany • Appropriate travel allowances for travel between Germany and the developing countries in question and Germany • A study and research grant • Rent subsidies and family supplements, as applicable

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Additional support

- Preceding German language course in Germany (or digitally in the country of origin, depending on the latest pandemic regulations), usually lasting 6 months. Participation is mandatory.

The following deviations regarding funding benefits apply for the '**Analysis and Design of Social Protection Systems**' programme, due to its blended learning concept:

- A **sur place rate of € 500** is paid in the 4th semester (mandatory online semester in the student's country of origin or another developing country).
- No **family supplements** can be granted, as the programme comprises phases of study in Germany as well as in the students' home countries.

Throughout their studies, all scholarship holders of the Helmut-Schmidt-Programme benefit from **accompanying support services** provided by the programme coordinators at the respective study locations.

Scholarship holders benefit from **events and seminars** organised specifically for them, as well as **close exchange with other international scholarship holders**.

Planning also provides for participation in interdisciplinary **networking events**.

DAAD scholarship holders are **exempt from paying tuition fees**.

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Selection criteria	<p>The most important selection criteria are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education degree obtained with above average results (top third of graduates) • Language certificates (requirements vary depending on the respective course of study) • Political and/or social involvement (see above ‘Target group’) is considered an advantage • Evidence of internships and/or professional experience is also taken into account positively • A conclusive account of the applicant’s academic and personal motivation for the study endeavour in Germany and for choosing and prioritising the courses of study • An account of the applicant’s perspectives upon returning to their home country or region <p>The following groups are not eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants who obtained their most recent higher education degree more than six years before submitting their application. • Applicants who have resided in a country that is not included in the DAC list of developing and emerging countries for more than 15 months at the time of the application deadline. <p>Applicants who already hold a master’s degree in a similar discipline can only be considered in well-justified cases, if they can explain conclusively, why they would like to obtain another master’s degree.</p> <p>All courses of study have their own application requirements (degree, grades, language skills, work experience, etc.) that must also be met by any interested individuals.</p>
Application process	<p>All applications must be submitted in English or German.</p> <p>Please indicate clearly that you are applying for the DAAD Helmut-Schmidt-Programme (master’s scholarships in Public Policy and Good Governance)!</p> <p>You may apply for up to two courses of study from the list below.</p>
Step one	<p>Please complete the DAAD application form ‘Application for a research/study scholarship’ (see Attachment 2) only once and indicate your selected higher education institutions, clearly indicating your first and second priority.</p>

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Step two	Please draw up a single application for both higher education institutions, and only one letter of motivation . In this letter you should explain in detail, why you chose the respective courses of study as well as your reasons for prioritising.
Step three	Please send the application form to the higher education institutions of your choice (no more than two), along with the required documents (see below). Scholarship applications are only accepted via the courses of study. Please submit your application documents for the course of study and the DAAD scholarship to the higher education institution of your choice, and not to the DAAD .
Relevant documents	<p>The required application documents are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAAD application form 'Application for a research/study scholarship' (please complete the form electronically and sign it by hand) • A single letter of motivation for both higher education institutions including a precise account of your academic, professional and personal reasons for wishing to participate in the programme, as well as a detailed explanation of your choice of courses of study and prioritisation. The letter may be up to two pages long and must bear the current date and your signature. • A gap-free curriculum vitae (if possible, please use the europass template available at http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/) with exact information about your studies, political/social involvement, and any work experience, as well as the current date and your signature. • Copies of your higher education degree certificates (certified translation if necessary, including an explanation of the grading system), please make sure these are clearly legible • Copy of your transcript of records incl. grading system, certified translation if necessary • Working time certificates for any listed internships, volunteer work and work experience must be included. These must be signed and bear the date, letterhead and stamp • Recent language certificates (for German and/or English) • A recently written letter of reference, preferably from your current employer or from a university lecturer, bearing a signature, letterhead and stamp (not in a sealed envelope)
Application period	The application period for all eight higher education institutions is from 1 June until 31 July 2021 .

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	<p>Please note that applications may be rejected for formal reasons, if you submit any documents that are difficult to read.</p> <p>Applications addressed at more than two higher education institutions and/or that do not contain a clear prioritisation in the DAAD form and the letter of motivation, will be excluded from the selection process.</p> <p>Only applications including all required documents will be considered. Applications sent to the DAAD will not be forwarded to the respective higher education institution(s). Such application documents including any attachments, samples, etc. will become the property of the DAAD, without any compensation. They will not be returned.</p> <p>Any deviations from the application process will result in exclusion from the selection process.</p>
<p>Selection procedure Step one</p> <p>Step two</p> <p>Step three</p>	<p>The selection will be made by a selection committee in October/November 2021. The committee comprises professors from the participating courses of study and representatives of the DAAD.</p> <p>Next step: The candidates that were suggested for a scholarship are contacted by the DAAD and asked to upload their full documents to the DAAD portal. Please do not upload any application documents, unless you are nominated by the DAAD.</p> <p>Important: Please make sure that you have a full set of copies of your application documents, as you will need to upload your full documents (in PDF format) to the DAAD portal, if you are suggested for a DAAD scholarship. Please send only original documents, if you are explicitly asked to do so by the course of study.</p> <p>The selection process is finalised. All applicants are informed in writing after the end of the selection process. This will probably be the case in mid to late December 2021.</p>
Contact and advice	<p>For further information, please get in touch with the contact partners for the courses of study listed below.</p>
General information	<p>In the event that the current restrictions due to SARS-CoV-2 continue through to 2022, the DAAD cannot guarantee that the courses of study can take place in the form described here.</p>

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Available master's degree courses

The following courses of study are part of the Helmut-Schmidt-Programme (master's scholarships in the area of Public Policy and Good Governance):

(in alphabetical order of the study locations):

- 1. Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg:** Analysis and Design of Social Protection Systems
(teaching language: English, duration: 4 semesters)
Blended learning concept:
1st semester at the higher education institution
2nd semester online, usually in Germany
3rd semester, practical term in Germany/home country/third country
4th semester online, dedicated to preparing the master's thesis in the home country/developing country
<https://www.h-brs.de/en/sv/study/master/analysis-and-design-social-protection-systems>
Email: info@ma-socialprotection.de
Contact: Mr Brian Mathebula / Ms Kerstin Schickendanz
- 2. University of Duisburg-Essen:** Master of Development and Governance
(teaching language: English, duration: 2 semesters)
<http://www.ma-dev-gov.de/>
Email: ma-devgov@uni-due.de
Contact: Mr Georg Lammich
- 3. Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt:** Master of Public Policy (MPP)
(teaching language: English, duration: 4 semesters)
<http://www.brandtschool.de/master-program/helmut-schmidt-programme/>
Please apply online via <http://www.brandtschool.de/admissions/>
Email: admissions-mpp@uni-erfurt.de
Contact: Mr Florian Heintze
- 4. University of Magdeburg:** Peace and Conflict Studies

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(teaching language: English, duration: 4 semesters)

http://www.pacs.ovgu.de/Admission/Helmut_Schmidt_Programme-p-898.html

Email: pacs@ovgu.de

Contact: Ms Lena Merkle

5. Hochschule Osnabrück: Management in Nonprofit-Organisationen
(*Management in Nonprofit Organizations*)

(teaching language: German, duration: 4 semesters)

<https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/de/studium/studienangebot/master/management-in-nonprofit-organisationen-ma/helmut-schmidt-programm-daad-stipendium/>

Email: ppgg@hs-osnabrueck.de

Contact: Ms Marlene Eimterbäumer

6. University of Passau: Development Studies

(teaching language: English, duration: 4 semesters)

<https://www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-devstudies/daad-scholarship/>

Email: information.ppgg@uni-passau.de

Contact: Mr Thomas Eibl

7. University of Passau: Master of Governance and Public Policy
(teaching language: German and English, duration: 4 semesters)

<https://www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-govern/daad-scholarship>

Email: information.ppgg@uni-passau.de

Contact: Mr Thomas Eibl

8. University of Potsdam: Master of Public Management (MPM)
(teaching language: English, duration: 2 semesters)

<https://www.up-transfer.de/en/executive-education/master-of-public-management-daad-ppgg-scholarship/>

Email: info@ppgg.mpm-potsdam.de

Contact: Ms Lucile Tronel / Ms Mira Weihmann

Please check the admission requirements for the courses of study carefully, before submitting your application to up to two higher education institutions!