



Science Partnerships for the Adaptation to Complex Earth System Processes in the Region of Southern Africa (SPACES II) – CaBuDe (Capacity Building / Development)

**Scholarships for Foreigners
Short-term scholarships for
Bachelor students (type C),
Master students and senior experts (type D),
PhD students and senior experts (type E),
and postdocs and senior experts (type F)**

Frequently Asked Questions

A. Eligibility

1. Who is eligible to apply for SPACES II?

Applications are open to excellently qualified students, graduates, doctoral candidates and postdocs from Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia who are doing research within one of the [SPACES II research projects](#). Please be aware that research projects that take place outside the SPACES II projects cannot be funded in this programme. At the time of the application, the bachelor (type D) or master degree (type E) should have taken place no longer than six years ago.

Applications are also open to excellently qualified senior experts with minimum bachelor degree.

2. I am not a Angolan, Botswanian, Malawian, Mozambican, Namiban, South African or Zambian national, but I am currently living in Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa or Zambia. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, if you are living in a Southern African country for more than 12 months and your application is supported by the African partners of the chosen [SPACES II project](#).

3. I have been funded by DAAD before. Does this have positive or negative consequences for my SPACES II application?

The scholarship types language course, specialized course, study or research scholarship (the latter with a funding period of more than 6 months) can only be used once. Short-term research grants can be awarded several times, but at most once a year.

A short-term research scholarship cannot be applied for and taken directly after a study or research fellowship.

4. Does the German host institution have to be a university, or are non-university research institutes also eligible host institutions?

The target institutions that are relevant for your stay can be found in this [overview](#).

B. Application Process

1. What funding programme has to be selected in the DAAD portal?

Please select the programme “SPACES II: Short-term scholarships for Foreigners (type C, D, E, F) – marine projects” OR “SPACES II: Short-term scholarships for Foreigners (type C, D, E, F) – terrestrial projects” in the DAAD portal (depending on your research project).

2. Which documents have to be uploaded alongside the application in the DAAD portal?

All necessary documents are listed in the call for applications. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete application and we reserve the right to exclude applications that are incomplete or were completed only after the deadline. Please be aware that only complete applications can be processed.

3. When is the deadline for submitting applications?

Applications can be submitted at any time after the publication date. The online-application should have been received by the DAAD online portal at least 2,5 months before the desired start date.

4. I will not be able to provide all necessary documents at the time of submitting the application. Can my application still be considered?

It is your obligation to submit a complete application. The absence of a document that has to be provided by the applicant herself/himself (e.g. CV, research proposal, time schedule, certificates etc.) will lead to exclusion. This equally applies to the letter of invitation from the German host institutions, which is an essential document for your application.

5. I will not have completed my latest academic degree at the time of application. Can I apply anyway?

You are eligible to apply if you will have completed your latest academic degree before the prospective starting date of your SPACES II scholarship. Please be aware that you have to submit a certificate of your highest degree. Thus, if the required certificate has not yet been issued, you must provide a certificate of your last degree. Furthermore, your supervisor must confirm when the completion of the next academic degree is expected.

6. What proof of language skills do I have to provide?

Very good English language skills are essential, but we do not require an official English test. The author of the invitation letter must confirm that your English language skills are sufficient to pursue the research project in Germany.

7. How do I have to submit my application?

The DAAD online application portal is the only way to submit your application. All documents have to be uploaded there.

If technical problems occur, please send an e-mail to portal@daad.de.

C. Selection Process

1. What are the main evaluation criteria?

The first decisive selection criterion is the compatibility of the research proposal with the chosen SPACES II project. Additional decisive selection criteria are the relevance and quality of the research proposal, the quality of the latest academic degree and the English language skills. Experience abroad and knowledge of other foreign languages can be of significance. Additional documents that prove academic capability or provide information about extracurricular activities will also be considered in the selection process.

2. When will I know if my application has been successful?

The applications are being reviewed on an ongoing basis. We inform each applicant about the decision of the selection committee as soon as possible.

D. Funding

1. How much money do I get as a SPACES II short-term scholarship holder?

- **Type C & D:** Monthly payments of 861 EUR; **Type E:** Monthly payments of 1,200 EUR; **Type F:** Monthly payments of 2,000 EUR

- **Flat-rate travel allowance** for outward and return journey: Angola 1,100 EUR; Botswana 1,450; Malawi 1,775 EUR; Mozambique 1,800 EUR; Namibia 1,650 EUR; South Africa 1,550 EUR; Zambia 1,475 EUR

These amounts apply only for the year 2021. The travel allowances are adjusted annually.

With the travel allowance additional costs are compensated, for example: Visa fees, health certificate, vaccinations, luggage costs, baggage insurance. The DAAD cannot pay any travel expenses for family members.

- Payments towards **health, accident and personal liability insurance** cover:

The DAAD takes out a private health insurance policy for all scholarship holders for the duration of their scholarship. The contributions are paid by the DAAD directly to the insurance.

2. How do I receive my scholarship benefits?

In most cases, the monthly scholarship instalments will be paid directly to the bank account of your host institute. If you open a private bank account in Germany after arrival at the university town, the monthly scholarship instalments will be paid directly into your bank account.