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In-Country Scholarship Programme

“Prospects for Peace through Education in Iraq”

Call for Scholarship Applications 2021 for studies at the Catholic University of Erbil

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

The application deadline will be announced in the application platform

Programme Objectives

The goal of the In-Country Scholarship Programme “Prospects for Peace through Education in Iraq” is to encourage and support young people to pursue Bachelor degree programs at selected public and private universities. The target group for scholarships are highly qualified high school graduates who are facing socioeconomic barriers to higher education, especially applicants from ethnic and/or religious minority groups, refugees, IDPs and returnees. 50% of the scholarships will be awarded to women.

To this end, scholarships are granted for 4-year Bachelor studies in the fields of agriculture / food processing, environmental sciences, information and communication technology, business administration as well as sciences in the medical field at the three participating universities.

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with the Catholic University of Erbil by offering scholarships for selected Bachelors degree programmes.

Within this programme, up to 30 scholarships will be awarded at the three selected host universities in Northern Iraq.

The programme is commissioned and funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by GIZ and DAAD.

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

Application requirements

Applicants

- must have successfully completed their high school diploma with above average results
- must have generally graduated from high school generally not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must have a National Exam Score that fulfils the requirements set for the respective degree programme in the year 2021
- must clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- must have knowledge of the language of instruction
- must be nationals or permanent resident of Iraq or be recognized as a refugee in Iraq
- must be part of the target group (primarily persons from ethnic and religious minorities, refugees, internally displaced persons and returnees, who are facing socio-economic barriers to education)

Eligible fields

The In-Country Scholarship Programme “Prospects for Peace through Education in Iraq” supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development and the job market.

The scholarships at the Catholic University of Erbil are available in the following four-year Bachelors degree programmes:

College of Information Technology and Computer Sciences:

- Information Technology
- Computer Science

Place of tenure

Catholic University of Erbil

Duration and Commencement

Scholarships are granted for four years. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress annually for the scholarship to continue. Scholarships start in November/December 2021 with the start of classes. Please refer to the latest announcement of the university regarding the first day of classes.

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition Fees	<i>direct payment to host institution</i>	<i>the regularly charged amount</i>
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	<i>monthly</i>	200 EUR
One-time lump-sum allowance for digital equipment and related expenses	<i>once at the beginning of the scholarship</i>	700 EUR

Please note that the first scholarship payment may be delayed due to necessary administrative processes at the beginning of the scholarship. However, later payments should be paid out at the beginning of each month.

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

Additional benefits

Scholarship holders of the In-Country Scholarship Programme “Prospects for Peace through Education in Iraq” are required to participate in the following accompanying measures designed to help them succeed in the studies:

- Language classes (usually in the languages required for the degree programme)
- Additional course: Introduction to scientific work
- Additional course: Methods for critical thinking
- General study support
- If necessary, additional tutoring in the field of study

Furthermore, scholarship holders will be required to participate in additional accompanying measures in the overarching theme of the programme, i.e. courses helping scholarship holders with skills to support their entry to the job market as well as other activities regarding community-building and peaceful co-existence (e.g. discussion and sports activities). All further details regarding accompanying measures will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

Application Procedure

Application for admission to the degree programme is separate from the scholarship application. Applicants must apply for their studies at the Catholic University in Erbil using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution (<https://cue.edu.krd/admission/>). The Catholic University in Erbil has set its own deadlines.

The scholarship application:

Link to application platform (DAAD-Portal):

<https://www.daad.de/surveys/385563?lang=en>

The application deadline will be announced in the application platform.

Documents to be submitted (in English):

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum vitae
- High school diploma including transcripts
- Result of the National Exam Score (or equivalent)
- Letter of motivation
- Application Form “Personal Background Information” (please use the following form: [Link to DAAD Form](#))
- UNHCR registration as a refugee (if applicable; if possible, please merge the document into one PDF file with the Application Form “Personal Background Information”)
- If you listed any disabilities or chronic diseases, please provide a certification from your doctor along with your application. If possible, please merge the document into one PDF file with the Application Form “Personal Background Information”
- Letter of admission for the host university (Can be submitted later, but needs to be handed in before the DAAD Letter of Award is issued)

If you do not have a computer with a sufficient internet connection to submit the application, please contact Ms. Anke Maria Meyer (a.meyer@daad.de). DAAD will endeavour to assist you.

Selection Procedure

In the selection process, the applicants’ **academic merit**, their **extracurricular activities**, and their **motivation**, as well as their **personal background** will be taken into consideration.

All applications will be screened by DAAD regarding the formal application criteria. The applicants’ personal background will be assessed separately by DAAD internally, in consultation with GIZ. Information may be cross-checked with local contacts such as UNHCR. Applicants who pass the formal check of the documents will be asked to participate in an individual video conference with GIZ and DAAD to clarify any open questions arising from the “Personal Background Information” form and to give opportunity to provide further information verbally.

Applications that pass the formal requirements will be forwarded to academic reviewers for an evaluation of their academic merit. Preselected candidates will be

interviewed by a commission consisting of German as well as local academic reviewers in consultation with GIZ.

Please note that the entire selection process will be conducted in English.

Contact and advice

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Further information

Website of the In-Country Scholarship Programme
“Prospects for Peace through Education in Iraq”:

<http://www.daad.de/in-country-programme-iraq>

[Frequently asked questions \(PDF-Link\)](#)

