

# „In-Region Scholarship Programme“ Central America

## Call for Scholarship Applications 2021 For Ph.D.-Studies at the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), Costa Rica

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

(Dateline for the application at PPCARN: 21/03/2021

**Application Closing Date at DAAD: 28/03/2021**



## Programme Objectives

The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Central America with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development. To this end, scholarships are granted for development-related Master or doctoral studies for individuals who plan to pursue a career in teaching and / or research at a higher education institution in Central America.

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 in region
- Graduates strengthening education and research in region
- Structural strengthening and regional networking of partner institutions and partner universities

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 or for their regions of origin

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

**Programme objective 3:** Organizational, financial and personal capacities of partner institutions are strengthened

As part of the „In-Region Scholarship Programme“, DAAD offers scholarships for doctoral studies. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

The target group for scholarships are graduates from Central American countries and the Dominican Republic with a Master academic degree who want to pursue doctoral programmes in Central American country (**In-Region scholarships**).

## Application requirements

### Applicants

- have successfully completed a Master degree with above average results (upper forth of class)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent residents (5 years) of a country in Central America (except Costa Rica and Panama) or the Dominican Republic.
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector

*Female applicants and candidates from 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

	<p>maximum of the regular period of study upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.</p>
Eligible fields	<p>The In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development.</p> <p>The scholarships at CATIE, Costa Rica are available in the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Agroforestry and sustainable agriculture</b></li><li>• <b>Management and conservation of tropical forests and biodiversity</b></li><li>• <b>Integrated watershed and water resource management</b></li><li>• <b>Economics, development and climate change</b></li><li>• <b>Socio-economic and policy analysis of natural resources and agricultural production systems</b></li><li>• <b>Governance and focus on livelihoods for natural resource management</b></li><li>• <b>Ecosystem services in sustainable agriculture, agroforestry, and forestry systems</b></li></ul>
Place of tenure	Cartago Province, Turrialba
Duration and Commencement	The duration of the Ph.D. programmes are generally 36 months, generally starting in July 2021.
Application and Selection Procedure	<p>The application process contains <b><u>two parallel steps</u></b>. <b>Please be aware of the two application deadlines.</b></p> <p><u>Application at CATIE:</u> Applicants must apply for their studies at the CATIE using the contacts and the method that are prescribed by the institution. The CATIE has set its own deadline (21/03/2021). Admissions Office: <a href="mailto:ajimenez@catie.ac.cr">ajimenez@catie.ac.cr</a></p> <p>The CATIE will screen, pre-select 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 forward to the DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain double or triple the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.</p> <p><b>At the same time applicants must apply for the DAAD scholarship.</b></p> <p><u>DAAD application:</u> Applicants are asked to log into the DAAD portal and register themselves and submit a DAAD application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered): <a href="https://portal.daad.de">https://portal.daad.de</a></li></ol> <p>Apply online via the DAAD-Portal under the tab "Personal Funding" / "Application", <b>Third Country Programme Central America, 57557331</b></p>

Documents to be submitted:

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/es/documents/curriculum-vitae>, including a list of publications (if applicable).
- 2 Recommendation letters by university teachers and/or professional supervisors
- Letter of admission for the host institution (not obligatory at the time of the application; may be submitted later upon receipt)
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Detailed and precise Ph.D. proposal, including detailed work and time table (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Copy of the passport

**The closing date for the submission of DAAD scholarship applications is 28/03/2021.**

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Decisions on the awarding of scholarships will be taken by a selection committee. The amount of awarded scholarships will be subject to the provision of funds by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Scholarship funding

The doctoral scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
<b>Tuition fees</b>	annually	USD 7000
<b>Study and research allowance</b>	annually	EUR 920
<b>Printing allowance</b>	once at the end	EUR 800
<b>Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)</b>	monthly	EUR 922
<b>Travel allowance (In-Region only)</b>	twice (beginning/ end of scholarship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award</i>
<b>Insurance</b>	monthly	The insurance fee will be paid directly to the insurance company.
<b>Family Allowance (additional application requested)</b>	monthly	EUR 280

The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

Additional benefits

DAAD In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for a **research stay in Germany** for 2 up to 6 months. Please note: **The short-term**

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**research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs which amounts 1200 EUR per month
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

### Contact and advice

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