

## **FAQ: DAAD In-Region Programme *Central America and the Dominican Republic*:**

**Call for applications for academic institutions/networks interested in participating as host institution in the above mentioned programme**

### **1. Can institutions from any Central American country or the Dominican Republic apply?**

Prospective host institutions from the following countries are eligible to apply: Belize, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

### **2. Is there a maximum number of scholarships we can apply for?**

No, there is no maximum number. In the past, institutions were attributed approx. 1 to 6 DAAD scholarships per intake.

### **3. How many scholarships will be distributed among successful institutions in total?**

The actual number will depend on the number of places offered by institutions, the number of applicants and available funds. In 2020 the total number of DAAD scholarships in the In-Region Programme offered to institutions all over Central America was approximately 27 new scholarships.

### **4. What are the DAAD rates for individual scholarships, and what does a scholarship consist of?**

The value of the monthly scholarship (covering the cost of living including accommodation) will depend on the respective DAAD country rates for international master students and international doctoral students. In addition to the monthly scholarship, funding is available for:

- travel allowance
- health insurance
- regular university fees
- research allowance (Master: 460 €, PhD: 920 €)
- printing allowance (Master: 400 €, PhD: 800 €)
- optional family allowance
- optional research stays in Germany for 2 to 6 months
- optional summer school

The above-mentioned optional funding options have to be applied for.

**5. We are an institution/network with several postgraduate programmes/schools/ departments/ faculties with the capacity to host DAAD scholars. Can we apply for scholarships for all these entities?**

Your institution may apply for scholarships for several postgraduate programmes to host DAAD scholars. However, you should ensure that you only include those programmes into your application which fully meet the DAAD selection criteria.

The offered Master programmes, doctoral programmes, or individual doctorates need to focus on subject areas with strong relevance to regional development (including the applied social sciences, environmental and other special areas of law but excluding the fine arts), and contribute to the pursuit of the goals of the agenda 2030. The humanities might be considered in exceptional cases only if the aforementioned condition is met.

Please note that no more than three post-graduate programmes per department can be mentioned in the application form. If different departments of the same institution would like to apply, they should submit separate applications.

**6. Can / Should we (re-)apply if our institution previously participated as host institution in the In-Region Scholarship Programme?**

Yes, institutions which previously participated in this programme are encouraged to apply for renewed admission. In line with DAAD's quality assurance standards, applications of institutions that have previously been funded will be reviewed along the same criteria as other applications by an independent selection committee. The selection committee will also take the institutions performance in the past affiliate period into consideration.

**7. Can we apply if our institution already receives / received other DAAD funding?**

Yes, institutions which already receive/d other DAAD funding may also apply for participation as a host institution within this programme. However, expenses due to duplicate funding (multiple funding of the same purpose / multiple funding of the same scholarship holder) are not eligible.

**8. How will the financial administration of the scholarships work?**

The participation as host institution in the programme will generally take the form of an affiliate agreement between the DAAD and the host institution. The affiliate agreement lists the binding specifications and mandatory procedures regarding, among others, the monitoring of the programme, the execution of the pre-selection of the scholarship holders and the financial administration. The scholarship payments (scholarships in EUR covering the cost of living including accommodation, travel allowance, health insurance, and regular university / institute/network fees) is generally paid directly to the scholarship holder. If necessary, the scholarship payments are transferred to the host institution to disburse the money to the scholarship holders on behalf of the DAAD. The university / institute/network fees are paid directly to the host institution on basis of the above-mentioned affiliate agreement.

**9. After admission, do we have to reapply for participation each year?**

Upon admission, DAAD will offer your institution scholarships for intakes for the upcoming 3 years (2022-2024). Depending on available budgetary resources, your institution may reapply for funding for further intakes in 2024.

**10. What are the requirements for individual scholarship candidates?**

Detailed application requirements for individual scholarship candidates will be defined in the Call for Scholarship Applications provided by DAAD. As for general requirements: Applicants must be graduates or postgraduates from a different developing country in Central America, Cuba or the Dominican Republic with thorough knowledge of the language of instruction. They must have completed a bachelor's degree or a Licenciatura if applying for a master's programme, or a master's degree from a recognized university if applying for a doctoral programme, with above average results. The last academic degree must not be older than six years.

**11. Do scholarship candidates have to be staff members at a higher education institution?**

DAAD does not expect master candidates to be staff members at a higher education institution. However, doctoral candidates should be staff members or at least be considered for future teaching/research staff recruitment at your institution or, if applicable, their home institution.

**12. How will individual scholarship candidates be selected?**

After (re-)admission to the programme DAAD will provide the Call for Scholarship Applications and ask your institution to publish it. Individual applicants will be requested to send their application to your institution and also submit their application via the DAAD portal. Thereafter, your institution will carry out pre-selections among the applicants and provide a candidate shortlist to DAAD. The final selection of scholarship holders will be carried out by a selection committee to be nominated by DAAD.

**13. Can we shortlist external candidates who are staff members at other higher education institutions?**

Yes, you are strongly encouraged to include external candidates in your shortlist who wish to study at your institution as a measure of staff development at their home institution. One intention of this programme is staff development and capacity building in higher education.

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