

# Master Scholarship Programme

For Master students from Sub-Saharan Africa fleeing the war in Ukraine (to continue/complete their studies in their home country or region)

# **Call for Scholarship Applications 2022**

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

> Application Closing Date in the DAAD Portal 4 July 2022

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



INDIVIDUAL FUNDING

war in Ukraine

# PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

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ing the war in Ukraine is a subprogramme of the In-Country/In-Region Scholarship programme. Scholarship holders are given the opportunity to continue their academic career at a higher education institution in their home country or within their home region<sup>1</sup> (in Sub-Saharan-Africa).

It is funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and managed by the German Academic Exchange Service. Its goal is to provide Master scholarships to students who are nationals of a Sub-Saharan African country and whose Master studies are interrupted because of the war in Ukraine.

# APLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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Within this Call for Applications, the scholarships are available for those who meet all of the following criteria:

Applicants must be students who

- started their Master studies in Ukraine, hence had a student status at a recognised Ukrainian higher education institution on 24 February 2022 and fled because of the war;
- are nationals or permanent residents of a Sub-Saharan country;
- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree (e.g. a Bachelor's degree) with above average results (at least: Second Class/Lower Division or equivalent, if applicable);
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment;
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction;
- have generally completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application.

<sup>1</sup> Master programmes in Germany are not funded under this programme

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## **ELIGIBLE FIELDS**

The Scholarship Programme supports full-time higher education Master's studies leading to a degree. Students may

- 1. continue their Master studies in the original study field started in Ukraine, or
- 2. if the original study field is not available, then in the Master programme that is the closest match for the original, or
- 3. continue their studies in another Master's programme of which they fulfil the admission requirements based on previous, recognised studies.

Medical programmes that generally last longer than 2 years are not eligible. Whereas medical related fields such as public health or nursery programmes that provide a distinction between Master's and Bachelor's degrees are eligible to be chosen within this scholarship programme.

# **PLACE OFTENURE**

Scholarships are awarded either for Master studies at a preferably public university in Sub-Saharan Africa that offer high quality Master's programmes that have been accredited<sup>2</sup> or for a Master's programme at one of the DAAD's partner universities within the In-Country/In-Region scholarship programme. The list of the Master's programmes at one of the DAAD In-Country/In-Region partner universities can be found here: www.daad.de/incountry-inregion.

#### DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT

Funding is provided for the usual duration of a Master's programme – generally, up to two years – starting in September 2022<sup>3</sup>.

Please note that the maximum duration of the scholarship is based on the time that is left until the scholarship holder has reached the regular period of studies in that programme, i.e., if you apply for a scholarship starting in the second year of studies of a two-year programme, the maximum duration of the scholarship will be one year.

Scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to a maximum of the regular period of study upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In case no accreditation system is established – the Master's programmes need to meet the national/regional quality standards and requirements set by HE Commissions or National Qualification Frameworks etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Master's programmes starting before that are also possible, but DAAD funding cannot start until September 2022.

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# APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

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# APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of admission for the host university in Sub-Saharan Africa (This can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship begins if it is not available at the time of application. If so, a provisional letter of admission or any communication with the host institution that proves the start of the admission process should be submitted.)
- Bachelor's degree certificate including the final grade
- Transcripts for all semesters of the Bachelor's degree programme (if possible)
- Motivation letter (DAAD form) (explaining:
  - a) previous academic career (including a listing of universities and study programmes attended);
  - b) the programme choice and how it is matching with the Master programme in Ukraine;
  - c) motivation for the application.
- Proof of student status at a recognised higher education institution in Ukraine on 24 February 2022. (If the applicant has a Certificate of Student Status, this document should be uploaded. If the applicant does not have a Certificate of Student Status, **any documents** can be submitted that provide credible evidence of student status in Ukraine on 24 February 2022, such as the official documents or emails received from the Ukrainian university, in some cases the copy of the Ukrainian student card etc.)
- Copy of the passport
- Copy of the last visa certificate for the study stay in Ukraine
- If a Master's programme is chosen that is not offered at a DAAD partner university under the In-Country/In-Region scholarship programme, the following documents should be submitted if possible: Accreditation certificate of the programme and/or course plan for the whole programme and/or semester plan etc.

Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for the completeness of your application. **If you do not** 



have documents such as recommendation letter and/or letter of admission at the time of application, please mention and explain this at an appropriate place in the application.

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

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Applications must be submitted via the DAAD portal: The link to the application portal will be added here in due course.

Applications submitted through other channels or to other authorities will not be considered.

The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. Central European Time (CET or CEST) on the last application day.

#### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition Fees	depending on the host university	as charged by the host- ing university (maximum 2.500€ <sup>4</sup> for each year within the regular period of study)
Study and research allowance	annually	460 EUR
Printing allowance	once towards the end of scholarship	400 EUR
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	depending on the country
<b>Travel allowance</b> (for those who are still in Europa or wish to study outside their home country)	Once at the beginning (and if necessary, once at the end)	The flat rate travel allow- ance will be specified in the letter of award.

## PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2.500€ for Master's programmes in South Africa

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