

GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE (DAAD) STUDENTS AT RISK – HILDE DOMIN PROGRAMME



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

ANNOUNCEMENT

Programme objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) administers the scholarship programme “Hilde Domin Programme” with funds from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The programme serves to support doctoral candidates from across the globe, who are at risk of being formally or de facto denied educational or other rights in their country of origin, and to provide these doctoral candidates with an opportunity to begin or complete a research degree at a higher education institution in Germany. The scholarships are sufficient to cover the necessary costs incurred in the course of their research stay.

Duration of Funding and Value

A total of up to max. 48 months; the funding period is determined by a selection committee depending on the project and the work plan.

Scholarship benefits include:

- a monthly scholarship payment of 1,200 EUR;
- payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover;
- a travel allowance based on your country of origin or present residence;
- participation in a preparatory German language course (oft wo, four or six months) according to the previously acquired and required language skills for the intended course of study or doctoral project
- further additional services.

The nomination and selection procedure

Potential candidates cannot apply for participation in the Hilde Domin programme themselves, but are nominated by the University of Erfurt.

Thereafter, on the basis of an initial plausibility check, suitable candidates will be contacted by the DAAD and invited to apply via the DAAD online application portal. The application documents submitted by the candidates are then verified by the DAAD for completeness and formal

correctness. Both, the status of risk and academic performance are assessed as part of the selection process. The final selection of candidates will be carried out by independent selection committees appointed by the DAAD.

All doctoral candidates can be nominated,

- who can prove or credibly demonstrate a threat to their personal well-being or safety (e.g. physical violence, arrest, denial of civil and educational rights, etc.) to the nominating institution,
- who are in possession of educational certificates that enable entrance to a higher education institution and warrant the pursuit of a desired higher education qualification according to the www.anabin.de database,
- who completed their last university degree not more than two years ago at the time of application, and
- who do not live in Germany or the EU at the moment of nomination.

Documents to be submitted for application after a successful nomination

Eligible candidates must upload the following documents in the DAAD application portal:

- Online application form;
- valid passport (for the applicant as well as for all accompanying family members);
- complete curriculum vitae (CV) (max. 3 pages)
- written description (1 to 2 pages) outlining the risks to personal safety or danger situation
- letter of motivation (1 to 2 pages) that describes the academic, career, and personal motives for embarking on a PhD at a German institution or higher education;
- language certificates or proof of their English or German language proficiency (equivalent to level B2 of the [CEFR](http://www.cef.fr), generally no older than two years at the point of application;
- school-leaving certificates;
- if available, additional evidence that describes and confirms the threat to personal safety and well-being or which proves that a forced withdrawal from a PD programme is due to individual actions based on liberal and democratic principles aspiring to contribute to a positive social change in communities;
- if applicable, a letter of confirmation by the doctoral supervisor in Germany (the proof of admission can

be submitted until the start of the scholarship, if it is not yet available at the time of application).

Important to note: All candidates have to upload German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language. The DAAD reserves the right to request certified copies of the documents, if necessary.

Please note that these documents are only required for the application in the DAAD portal after the successful nomination by the university. For the documents to be submitted for a nomination by the University of Erfurt see below.

Documents to be submitted for nomination by the University of Erfurt

For the application for nomination, the following documents must be submitted completely and in one PDF file (max. 5 MB) by e-mail to nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de:

1. completed form „[candidate information](#)";
2. cover letter (length max. 1 page) explaining why there is a threat to personal well-being or security in the country of origin;
3. written declaration of supervision by a professor of the University of Erfurt;
4. [signed consent to the processing of personal data](#) (in German only).

You can also send your application documents in encrypted form. You can find information on this here: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/research/news/announcements> .

Internal application deadline

Applications for nominations can be submitted until **14 September 2022**. Successful nominees can apply until 28 October 2022 after being invited to do so by the DAAD.


Contact

For any inquiries about the application and selection process, please contact the Research and Graduate Services:
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Further information on the Hilde Domin programme can be found on the [website of the DAAD](#).

Privacy policy

Please refer to the [information sheet](#) ("Datenschutzhinweise_fuer_StipendienbewerberInnen_Hilde Domin") for information on data protection in accordance



with Art. 13 of the EU Data Protection Basic Regulation (EUDSGVO).