

A New Passage to India

Scheme I:

Flexible Study and Research stays

Announcement for the academic year 2009/2010

What are the aims of this program?

In order to further strengthen the expertise of German universities on India, enhancement of contact and cooperation possibilities between Indian and German institutions of higher education (HEI) is necessary.

While about 4,000 Indian students are presently enrolled in German HEIs, only about 150 Germans are studying in India. Hence, since 2009, within the framework of the special DAAD-programme "A New passage to India", the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has started to promote study and research stays of German students, postgraduates and PhD scholars who want to avail of study programmes offered by Indian HEIs.

During their stay abroad, the scholars should integrate in the academic routine of their host HEI as well as take part in the lectures. Stays aimed at preparation of final thesis and internships that are compulsory or have been recommended by the home HEI can also be funded. These internships should be arranged or supervised by the partner institution.

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from German Universities. Unlike the existing programmes of the DAAD, individual applications from students, postgraduates or doctoral students will not be entertained in this programme.

What kind of activities can be supported?

Measures supported (For Details and conditions, see Encl. 1)

a) German HEIs can apply to the DAAD for funding for the following measures:

- Grant for study/research stays and internships at partner institutions for a period of one to ten months
- Lump sum grant for travel to and from India
- Lump sum towards participation fee for a one month intensive language course in Hindi, Tamil or a language relevant to the destination of the scholar. This course should precede the internship or study/research stay. If the language course takes place in India, then the accommodation expenses of the scholar for the additional month will be funded within the framework of the scholarship
- Lump sum towards expenses involved in mentoring German scholars during their stay at the partner institution in India. These funds should be primarily used for assigning tutors for the scholars, and may also be utilized for conducting excursions or similar activities.
- Travel grants can also be given to the German project in-charge for visiting the partner institution for preparatory meetings. The accommodation expenses in India should be borne by the partner institution. If this is not possible, daily allowance will be paid additionally for covering lodging and boarding expenses.

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The following cannot be supported within the framework of Scheme I of “A New Passage to India”:

- Scholarships and course fee to attend language courses without relevance to the subsequent stay in India (The scholarships database of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) contains the information regarding the DAAD language course scholarships.)
- Scholarships to attend an English language course
- Scholarships for internships, which are not arranged or supervised by the partner university
- Tuition fee at the Indian partner university
- Scholarships for students, postgraduates or doctoral candidates for a duration of less than one month
- Individual grants

b) If the Indian partner institution is willing to bring in its own financial contribution (e.g. by means of tuition fee waiver, funding for a tutor etc.) then DAAD-funding can also be requested for the Indian side to undertake the following initiatives:

- Scholarships for study visits to partner institutions for a duration of two to ten months
- Lump sum grant for travel to and from Germany
- Lump sum towards participation fee for a one month intensive German language course preceding the internship or study/research stay. In this context we invite the applicant’s attention to language courses offered by Duo-Online: www.deutsch-uni.com If the language course takes place in Germany, then the accommodation expenses of the participant for the additional month will be funded within the framework of the scholarship
- Lump sum towards expenses involved in mentoring Indian scholars during their stay at the partner institution in Germany. These funds should be primarily used for assigning tutors for the scholars, and may also be utilized for conducting excursions or similar activities.
- Travel grant to the Indian project in-charge for visiting the partner institution in Germany for preparatory meetings.

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- Scholarships and course fee to attend language courses without relevance to the subsequent stay in Germany (The scholarships database of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) contains the information regarding the DAAD language course scholarships.)
- Study tours by groups of Indian students (For this purpose, the DAAD offers a special programme “Study Visits / Study Seminars and Practicals in Germany by Groups of Foreign Students”; For more information, please refer to the DAAD Scholarship-Database)
- Tuition fee at German HEI
- Stays for a duration of less than two months
- Individual grants

Which subject fields will be promoted?

The programme is open to all subject fields.

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Which target groups can be supported?

a) The programme aims at German HEIs, which want to send their students from all subject fields and study courses (Diplom, Magister, Staatsexamen, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate) to an Indian HEI for a study/research stay or an internship.

b) If the Indian partner institution is willing to bring in its own financial contribution, Indian students from all subject fields and study courses (See point b) under "What can be supported?") can also be supported. In such cases, the German HEI should submit the finance plan finalized together with the Indian partner institution.

The number of Indian students who receive such support should never exceed the number of German students receiving it.

Which basic conditions must be fulfilled?

In order to ensure that the scholars are well taken care of both, academically as well as socially, the DAAD sees an existing cooperation between the German and the Indian HEI as a prerequisite. This can be seen as scientific cooperation amongst individual faculty or departments, institutional cooperation, MoU for students exchange etc.

A letter of invitation, confirming that the scholars will be appropriately mentored at the guest institution, should be submitted together with the application.

Duration

The German HEI may receive funds for three years. The autonomy thus granted to the institution will enable it to build up core areas in the concerned field and develop an India-specific concept. Initially a grant will be sanctioned for two years with the possibility of extension.

If the BMBF continues to make the necessary funds available to the DAAD, the HEI can submit a fresh application or application of extension for the remaining period in the third year of the project.

Application

German HEIs can apply for funds for fellowships. Students, graduates and doctoral fellows interested in a study/research stay or internship in India should get in touch with a potential project in-charge (university faculty / directors of International Offices), so that they may submit an appropriate application to the DAAD.

- The application should be submitted by a German HEI to the DAAD. The person in-charge for the execution of the project can be either a faculty member of an HEI that has cooperation with an Indian HEI /research institution, or a Director of an International Office.
- The HEI i.e. as a general rule the project in-charge in cooperation with the International Office should decide upon the value as well as the number of fellowships and submit an appropriate application to the DAAD. The DAAD requests for a realistic estimate of the number of scholars and of the required funds
- The value of application should not exceed a total of Euro 100,000 per cooperation/partnership per year.

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Documents to be submitted

A duly completed application together with the budget plan should be sent online via the DAAD Application Portal OR a hard copy application with budget should be submitted using the prescribed DAAD forms.

The application (whether online or hardcopy) should have the following enclosures:

1. Detailed description of the planned exchange project, which covers the following points
 - Purpose of the study/research stay or internship at the respective partner institution (What is the study or research plan? How do these stays play a role in strengthening the knowledge of scholars and the German HEI about India? Whether and how do the participating HEIs plan to continue with the cooperation beyond the intended duration of the project?);
 - Concept for executing the project and supervision (How will the scholars be prepared for the stay both, as far as their subject field and the language/culture go? How will the scholars be integrated in the system / faculty of their host institution? Medium of instruction? Special courses offered? Recognition of achievements made / scores obtained while at the host institution?
 - Selection criteria and procedure for award of fellowships
 - Time schedule for the entire project in tabular form
2. Supporting documents concerning the respective cooperation (written communication, copy of the MoU, agreement etc.); written confirmation from the Indian HEI/s about their financial contribution (eg. Tuition fee waiver)
3. Letter of invitation / confirmation of the partner institution stating that the scholars will be mentored both from the general and the educational perspective. In case of a reciprocal project, a similar confirmation from the German partner institution regarding mentoring of Indian scholars shall be necessary.
4. A letter of recommendation from the administration of the HEI on the form prescribed by the DAAD.

The applications forwarded through the Directors of International Offices or secretariat of the HEI or the offices of the Presidents/Rectors of Fachhochschule should be sent to the DAAD by 17 May 2009. Incomplete applications cannot be considered at the time of selection

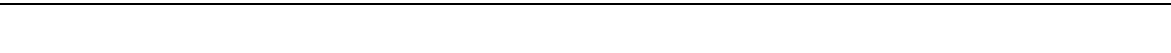
Application Deadline

The last date of submission is 16 May 2009 (date of the postal stamp) for hard copy applications and 17 May 2009 for online applications.

What are the selection criteria?

A selection commission will evaluate the applications in June 2009. The following criteria will be considered:

- Is the Indian HEI or research institution a recognized/accredited establishment?
- How strong is the existing cooperation between the partner institutions? How likely is it that the proposed project will intensify it? Are there any plans for a far-reaching form of cooperation, eg. Establishing double-degree programmes, research collaborations etc.
- Are the criteria for successful realization of the proposed project (mentoring/ supervision, subject-specific content decided upon by partner institutions) fulfilled?

**Execution**

A contract shall be signed between the DAAD and the German HEI regarding the financial grant and its allocation. The HEI shall be responsible for appropriate administration of the allotted funds and for disbursement of scholarship amount to the scholars selected by them. For the current announcement, the funding can begin from winter semester 2009/2010 (earliest possible funding: 1 September 2009). Plans to stabilize the programme are afoot.

For every calendar year, the HEIs should submit an interim utilization report online by 28 February of the following year. A complete and final utilization report should be sent to the DAAD via the DAAD Online-Portal within two months of the end of the project support duration.

Further Information and Contact Person

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Application may be made either online from <https://portal.daad.de> or in hardcopy

Form for hardcopy application, information leaflet for filling up online and hardcopy applications, and the format for recommendation from the administration of the HEI is available on the DAAD website under <http://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen>

Note

The initiative „A New Passage to India“ aims to offer additional possibilities for academic exchange with India. Unlike the standard DAAD programmes, individual applications will not be considered under the Scheme 1 of this initiative. Only German HEIs can submit applications. Please check out announcements for other funding possibilities within the framework of “A New Passage to India”.

This initiative in addition to the existing DAAD programmes for students, doctoral candidates and researchers and does not replace them. Information about the existing standard programmes is available in the DAAD Scholarships Database.

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