



Offer of Scholarship for Intake 2016 at Bahir Dar University

What are the objectives of the programme?

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), as a publicly funded, self-governing organisation of the institutions of higher education in Germany, promotes international academic exchange as well as educational co-operation with developing countries through a variety of funding and scholarship programmes.

Bahir Dar University offers a regional PhD degree programme at the Institute of Land Administration meeting the need for highly qualified scientists in Africa:

- Land policy and governance

As part of the “In-Country / In-Region Scholarship Programme”, in which more than 50 African universities and university networks participate and which annually supports almost 1.000 African postgraduates, DAAD in close collaboration with the GIZ assisted programme “Strengthening Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)” is able to offer scholarships for postgraduate studies at Bahir Dar University. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) within the framework of the special initiative “One World – No Hunger”. The scholarships aim at young candidates, mid-career professionals, researchers and university staff development in the first line, without neglecting other public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

DAAD is offering up to **6 scholarships** for a PhD programme in the degree course listed above (up to 2 African nationals and up to 4 Ethiopian citizens).

Eligible Applicants

Applicants

- must be preselected by Bahir Dar University according to DAAD selection criteria.
- must have completed their last degree (at least a second class lower division) not more than six years ago at the time of application.
- must be nationals of an African country.

Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

Eligible Fields

Applications may come from the subject areas of land administration and management, land economics, natural resource economics, environmental economics, development economics, real estate development and management, environmental law, development studies, urban and regional planning, urban development and management, geomatics (GIS & Surveying), geography, natural resource management, agriculture economics and other land related fields with strong relevance to national development.

Place of Tenure

Bahir Dar University, Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

Duration and Commencement

The scholarship will initially be awarded for one year only and can be extended annually (or shorter) upon individual request and receipt of a complete application for renewal by the scholarship holders via the DAAD-portal, four months before the scholarship ends latest. The general funding period for Ph.D. is up to four years. **The scholarship period usually begins in October.**

Application Procedure and Deadline

Applicants will be required to **follow the regular application process for their studies at Bahir Dar University**. Bahir Dar University will screen and short-list applications, then send short-listed applications to DAAD Bonn for final approval (max. 18 applications). DAAD asks Bahir Dar University to short-list the candidates but reserves the right of final selection. The complete documents (see below) should be submitted to DAAD by the applicants via the DAAD-Portal not later than **30th June 2016**. Bahir Dar University will make the link to the DAAD-Portal available to the applicants. Incomplete applications or applications that reach DAAD Bonn after the above mentioned deadline will not be considered.

Documents to be submitted

- DAAD application form duly filled (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum vitae (please use the europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including list of publications (if applicable)
- Recommendation letter by senior lecturer or professor
- Research proposal
- Confirmation of supervisor
- Certified university degree certificates including transcripts.

Terms and Conditions

The scholarships are **initially granted for one year and can be extended** upon receipt of an application for renewal via the DAAD-Portal not later than four months before expected extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

Upon completion of studies the **final results must be communicated** to DAAD Bonn with the respective documents.

Financial Obligations

DAAD's funding will consist of:

- **Tuition fees** (funds will be transferred to Bahir Dar University upon receipt of invoice);
- Monthly **allowance for living costs** incl. accommodation
- Annual **study & research allowance**
- **Final allowance**
- **Travel expenses**
Please note: Travel expenses can be refunded max. twice overall (outward and return journey) and max. once per year. Please note that all expenses have to be kept within reasonable limits (e.g. 2nd class rail ticket, Economy class air ticket). The travel allowance is not applicable if the scholarship holder is already residing in Ethiopia.
- **Medical insurance**

The funds for the second and third year will be released after the extension of the scholarship has been granted.

Bahir Dar University will contribute to the programme by covering general costs of infrastructure for running the programme.

Value

		Annual amount per student in EURO	
		National scholarship holders	International scholarship holders
Item	Payable to	PhD	PhD
Tuition fees	University upon invoice	7635,-	
Living allowance incl. accommodation	Scholarship holder	3360,-	5160,-
Study & Research allowance	Scholarship holder	920,-	920,-

		Total amount per student in EURO	
Printing costs for thesis	Scholarship holder	1025,-	1025,-
Travel expenses	Scholarship holder	none	Refund upon request and presentation of an original receipt of payment.
Medical insurance	Scholarship holder	Standard tariff, maximum an equivalent of 69,- EUR per month; refund upon request and presentation of an original receipt of payment	