

# Helmut-Schmidt-Programme (Master’s Scholarships for Public Policy and Good Governance) Call for applications 2021

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| <b>What are the objectives of the programme?</b> | <p>This programme is designed to further qualify future leaders in politics, law, economics and administration according to the principles of good governance and to prepare them in a practice-oriented course for their professional life. Very good graduates with a first university degree get the chance to obtain a master’s degree in disciplines that are of special relevance to the social, political and economic development of their home country. The knowledge and experience acquired in Germany should enable the scholarship holders to later contribute to the establishment of democratically oriented economic and social systems aimed at overcoming social tensions. With this programme, DAAD intends to support the good governance and civil society structures in selected partner countries and regions.</p>   |
| <b>Who can apply?</b>                            | <p>The scholarship programme is open to graduates from developing countries (<b>see list of countries</b>) in the field of social sciences, political sciences, law, economics and in public administration.</p>  |
| <b>Target group</b>                              | <p>The programme is open for very well qualified graduates with a first university degree (bachelor or equivalent) who want to actively contribute to the social and economic development of their home countries or regions. It is offered both for young graduates without professional experience and for mid-career professionals.</p>  |
| <b>What is fundable?</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scholarship of monthly 850 €</b> for selected master’s programmes at German institutions of higher education listed below.</li> <li>• The study programmes are usually starting in Sep/Oct 2021 and are taught in German and/or English.</li> <li>• contributions to <b>health insurance</b> in Germany</li> <li>• appropriate <b>travel allowance</b></li> <li>• <b>study and research subsidy</b></li> <li>• monthly <b>rent subsidy</b> where applicable</li> <li>• <b>allowances for spouses and/or children</b> where applicable</li> <li>• <b>6-months-German language course</b> from April 2021 up to the end of September 2021. The language course takes place at selected institutes in Germany and usually not at the universities of the selected master’s programmes. The language course is compulsory also for those who attend a master’s course taught in English.</li> </ul> <p>Due to its <b>blended-learning-concept</b> the following special conditions are laid down to finance the study programme “Analysis and design of social protection systems”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the online semester in your home country or another developing country DAAD provides a <b>sur-place-rate of 500 EUR</b>.</li> </ul> |

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|                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Allowances for spouses and/or children are not applicable</b>, as far as the programme includes study-phases in Germany and in your home country.</li> </ul> <p>The scholarship holders are offered a <b>special tutoring</b> at their host institutions financed by DAAD. Furthermore, the scholars are invited to participate at different networking events.</p> <p>DAAD-scholarship holders within the Helmut-Schmidt-Programme are <b>exempted from tuition fees</b>.</p>  |
| <b>Requirements</b>        | <p><b>Main DAAD selection criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic degree with far above average results (upper third)</li> <li>• language skills (every university has different language proficiency requirements)</li> <li>• political and social engagement</li> <li>• a convincing description of the subject-related and personal motivation for the study project in Germany</li> <li>• expected benefit when returning to the home country or region</li> </ul> <p><b>Most recent university degree</b> should be obtained <b>in the last six years</b> prior to the application for the scholarship.<br/>Applicants who have <b>stayed in Germany for more than 15 months</b> at the time of the application deadline are <b>not</b> considered as <b>eligible</b>.</p> <p><b>All master’s courses have further additional requirements that must be fulfilled by the applicants in any case.</b></p> |
| <b>Application process</b> | <p>Applications must be submitted in German or English.</p> <p><b>Please indicate that you are applying for the DAAD Helmut-Schmidt-Programme (Master’s scholarships for Public Policy and Good Governance).</b><br/>You are allowed to submit your application for <b>up to two master’s courses</b> listed below.</p> <p><b>Step one</b><br/>Fill in the <a href="#">DAAD Application form for Research Grants and Study Scholarships</a> only <b>once</b> making clear which study course is your first and which is your second priority.</p> <p><b>Step two</b><br/>Write <b>a single letter of motivation for both university courses you choose</b>, justifying your first and second priority choice.</p>   |

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| Step three           | Send the DAAD scholarship form together with the letter of motivation and accompanied with the necessary documents listed below to <b>the two universities</b> of your choice. Do <b>NOT send it to DAAD</b> .   |
| Necessary documents: | <p>The <b>necessary documents</b> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DAAD Application form for Research Grants and Study Scholarships (hand-signed, but electronically edited)</b></li> <li>• Hand-signed and dated <b>motivation letter (one single letter for both universities)</b> containing a precise description of the applicants' academic/professional and personal reasons for choosing those master's programmes and universities (two pages maximum)</li> <li>• Hand-signed and dated full <b>curriculum vitae</b> including information about the precise field of your studies, your political and social engagement and, if applicable, description of job experience</li> <li>• Copy of acquired <b>Academic Degrees</b> (certified translation if necessary, please attach an explanation of the grading system)</li> <li>• Copy of the <b>transcript of records</b> (certified translation if necessary)</li> <li>• Recent <b>language certificates</b> (German and/or English)</li> <li>• One <b>letter of recommendation</b>, signed and recently dated by your university professor or current employer, supplemented by an official letterhead, and stamp (not in a sealed envelope)</li> <li>• If applicable <b>certificates of employment</b> to support relevant professional experience mentioned in your CV by documentary evidence</li> </ul> |
| Application deadline | <p>The application period at all 8 universities lasts from <b>June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020</b>.</p> <p>Please submit <b>only legible copies</b> of your documents.<br/>Please consider that illegible documents can lead to a formal rejection.<br/><b>In case your application has been sent to more than two universities or if non-specific priorities are given your application will not be accepted.</b></p> <p>Applications sent to the DAAD <b>will not</b> be forwarded to the respective course/university. They become property of the DAAD and will <b>not</b> be returned. The applicant has no right to claim for reimbursement.<br/>In case your application is sent to more than two universities or if non-specific priorities are given your application will not be accepted.<br/>Only complete applications can be accepted.</p> <p>If you fail to follow the given procedures, you will be excluded from the application process.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Selection Step one</b></p> <p><b>Step two</b></p> <p><b>Step three</b></p>              | <p>In October/November <b>2020</b> a selection committee consisting of university professors and DAAD representatives meets and suggests potential candidates for a DAAD scholarship.</p> <p>Afterwards the suggested candidates are contacted by DAAD to <b>upload their complete application</b> to the DAAD Portal.</p> <p>Important: Make sure that you have a <b>copy of each document of your application</b> ready, as those documents (as PDF files) have to be uploaded to the DAAD Portal in case you are suggested for a DAAD scholarship!</p> <p><b>The selection process will be finalized.</b> All applicants will be informed at the end of the selection process – approx. by the end of December 2020.</p>  |
| <p><b>Contact and advice</b></p> <p><b>Information concerning the Coronavirus crisis:</b></p> | <p>For more information, please contact the person in charge of the master's programme listed below.</p> <p>DAAD and the cooperating universities are checking on/looking for possibilities to ensure the planned start of the semester (including the preparatory language courses) should the travel restrictions not be lifted in time (i.e. by implementing online courses or by postponing the begin of the semester). Information will be updated accordingly.</p>   |
| <p><b>List of Master courses</b></p>  | <p>You can choose between the following universities, alphabetically listed by city:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg:</b> Analysis and Design of Social Protection Systems<br/>(language of instruction: English, programme duration: 4 semesters)<br/>Blended-learning concept:<br/>1st semester at the university<br/>2nd online semester ordinarily in Germany<br/>3rd practical semester in Germany or in your home country or in a third country<br/>4th online semester to prepare your master-thesis in your home country or other developing country<br/><a href="https://www.h-brs.de/en/sv/study/master/analysis-and-design-social-protection-systems">https://www.h-brs.de/en/sv/study/master/analysis-and-design-social-protection-systems</a><br/>e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ma-socialprotection.de">info@ma-socialprotection.de</a><br/>contact: Ms. Kerstin Schickendanz</li> <li><b>Universität Duisburg-Essen:</b> Master of Development and Governance<br/>(language of instruction: English, programme duration: 2 semesters)</li> </ol> |

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<http://www.ma-dev-gov.de/>  
e-mail: [ma-devgov@uni-due.de](mailto:ma-devgov@uni-due.de)  
contact: Mr. Georg Lammich

3. **Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt:** Master of Public Policy (MPP)  
(language of instruction: English, programme duration: 4 semesters)  
<http://www.brandtschool.de/master-program/helmut-schmidt-programme/>  
Please apply online at <http://www.brandtschool.de/admissions/>  
e-mail: [admissions-mpp@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:admissions-mpp@uni-erfurt.de)  
contact: Mr. Florian Heintze
4. **Universität Magdeburg:** Peace and Conflict Studies  
(language of instruction: English, programme duration: 4 semesters)  
[http://www.pacs.ovgu.de/Admission/Helmut\\_Schmidt\\_Programme-p-898.html](http://www.pacs.ovgu.de/Admission/Helmut_Schmidt_Programme-p-898.html)  
e-mail: [pacs@ovgu.de](mailto:pacs@ovgu.de)  
contact: Ms. Olivia Alphons
5. **Hochschule Osnabrück:** Management in Non-Profit- Organisations  
(language of instruction: German, programme duration: 4 semesters)  
<https://www.hs-osnabrueck.de/de/studium/studienangebot/master/management-in-nonprofit-organisationen-ma/helmut-schmidt-programm-daad-stipendium/>  
e-mail: [ppgg@hs-osnabrueck.de](mailto:ppgg@hs-osnabrueck.de)  
contact: Ms. Marlene Eimterbäumer
6. **Universität Passau:** Development Studies  
(language of instruction: English, programme duration: 4 semesters)  
<https://www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-devstudies/daad-scholarship/>  
e-mail: [information.ppgg@uni-passau.de](mailto:information.ppgg@uni-passau.de)  
contact: Mr. Thomas Eibl
7. **Universität Passau:** Master of Governance and Public Policy  
(languages of instruction: English and German, programme duration: 4 semesters)  
<https://www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-govern/daad-scholarship>  
e-mail: [information.ppgg@uni-passau.de](mailto:information.ppgg@uni-passau.de)  
contact: Mr. Thomas Eibl
8. **Universität Potsdam:** Master of Public Management (MPM)  
(language of instruction: English, programme duration: 2 semesters)

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<https://www.up-transfer.de/en/executive-education/master-of-public-management-daad-ppgg-scholarship//>

e-mail: [info@ppgg.mpm-potsdam.de](mailto:info@ppgg.mpm-potsdam.de)

contact: Ms. Laura Hecht

**Please ensure that you meet all admission requirements of the master's course of your choice before you apply at a maximum of two universities listed above.**