

D.A.A.D (German Academic Exchange Service) Study and Research Grants to Germany Academic Year 2024-2025

General Information

The Committee on General Scholarships is pleased to announce the internal Harvard University competition for the DAAD (*Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst*, or German Academic Exchange Service) Study and Research Scholarships during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Each year, the DAAD invites Harvard University to nominate Harvard graduating seniors and graduate students for study or research scholarships in Germany. Applicants in all academic fields are welcome to apply. The DAAD awards competitive, merit-based grants for use toward graduate study and research in Germany in any academic field.

There are two types of DAAD Scholarships for our campus process:

Study Scholarship of All Disciplines (excluding architecture and artistic fields e. g. music, fine art, performing arts): A ten-month scholarship awarded to graduating seniors and recent Harvard graduates to undertake a full Master's degree program at a German university starting in the Fall 2024. All recipients of study scholarships must enroll in courses.

Research Grants – One Year Grants: Awarded to candidates who wish to pursue research or independent study at German universities or institutes. Doctoral candidates (Ph.D. and other doctoral degrees), candidates who have completed a Master's degree, and graduating seniors who will have received their Bachelor's degree prior to beginning their research are eligible. Research grants support long-term projects (7 to 12 months) during the German academic year.

Applicants in the fields of music (performance, composition, conducting), dance (choreography, drama), fine arts (painting, drawing, sculpture), and architecture must apply to DAAD directly.

Applications for other DAAD funding competitions (short-term research grants, language grants, etc.) should be submitted directly to DAAD.

Eligibility

- The competition is open to:
 1. Harvard College seniors who expect to graduate by May 2024
 2. Recent Harvard graduates
 3. Current Harvard graduate students, doctoral students, and Ph.D. candidates
- All applicants, except recent graduates, must be enrolled in a full-time program of study at Harvard.
- Candidates must be U.S or Canadian citizens, or permanent residents. Foreign nationals may be eligible to apply but should contact the Committee on General Scholarships at Harvard University before submitting an application to check their eligibility.

- Research Grant applicants should have a well-defined study or research project that makes a stay in Germany essential. Ph.D. candidates should have reached ABD status by the time of the grant period. Preference will be given to applicants who have been invited by a faculty member at a German university to study or do research in a particular department.
- The required language level depends on the applicant's study/research plans and subject. Applicants in the arts, humanities, and social sciences should have a good command of the German language.
- Applicants may not hold a DAAD grant and a grant from another German or German-American organization concurrently for the same project. Prior DAAD grant recipients should contact the Committee on General Scholarships at Harvard University before applying to determine their eligibility status.

Harvard Nomination Process for DAAD Study Scholarship and Research Grant

As a DAAD partner university, Harvard is allowed to nominate a certain number of "preferred applicants" whose applications will be entered into a separate application pool. While preferred applicants are not guaranteed an award, their chances of receiving one are reasonably good. For this reason, it is recommended that students submit their application through the Harvard internal process. Please note, however, that all applications are forwarded on to DAAD for consideration in the preferred and at-large application pools.

Application and Deadline Information

Harvard University students who wish to apply for a DAAD Study or Research Grant must complete the application form online at: www.daad.org **AND** email a copy of the application form and supplemental materials to Colin Henderson (cgs@harvard.edu) by 5:00pm on **October 6, 2023** in order to be nominated by Harvard.

Applicants' recommenders may send their reference forms to cgs@harvard.edu.

Students who miss Harvard's nomination deadline may apply directly to DAAD to meet its early November deadline. These candidates, however, will not have the opportunity to receive Harvard's endorsement/nomination.

Application Requirements and Checklist:

DAAD Study Scholarship application materials include:

- DAAD Online Application Form – candidate must apply through the DAAD portal and save a copy of their application to be emailed.
- Full CV/Resume (max. 3 pages)
- Study Proposal (max. 3 pages) – should include a narrative about academic and personal reasons for the planned study explaining why a particular program has been chosen and how it will further your educational and career goals.
- Letter of Admission to a Study Program in Germany – if this is not available at the time of the application deadline, this can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study program begins.
- Information About Your Preferred Master Programs ([see DAAD website to download and complete form](#))
- University Degree Certificate(s) (diploma) – if your studies have not been completed at the time of the application deadline, these documents must be uploaded to the portal before the scholarship begins.
- Official Transcripts of all University Studies – including explanation of grading system
- DAAD Language Evaluation Form (*Sprachzeugnis*) ([see DAAD website to download and complete form](#))
 - If you have no knowledge of German and your study language in Germany is English, be sure to submit this certificate anyway, indicating that your study language is English, and write at the top "No knowledge of German."
- One DAAD Reference Form – form may be found within the DAAD portal. Applicants' recommenders should fill out this form instead of writing a standard letter of recommendation.

DAAD Research Grant application materials include:

- DAAD Online Application Form – candidate must apply through the DAAD portal and save a copy of their application to be emailed.
- Full CV/Resume (max. 3 pages)
- List of Publications, if applicable (max 5 pages)
- Letter of Motivation (1-2 pages) - description of academic and personal reasons for your planned project in Germany, answering the following question: What do you hope to gain from your project in Germany (personally, professionally, for your career?)
- Research Proposal (max. 5 pages) – extensive and detailed description of research proposal which has been discussed with the academic adviser; should include a description of previous research work.
- Schedule of Planned Research Work
- Letter from Academic Advisor in Germany – should confirm supervision, applicant's proposal, and that the host institution will provide a workplace
- University Degree Certificate(s) (diploma)
- Official Transcripts of all University Studies – including explanation of grading system
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Selection Process

The Committee on General Scholarships will convene a Selection Committee in late October to interview finalists. Candidates selected for interviews will be contacted by the Committee.

Questions

For more information about this program, please contact Colin Henderson at cgs@harvard.edu.