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Consultation hours:

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and Friday
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(now with appointment)

Dear Friends of DAAD Thailand,

The year 2020 will certainly change the face of higher education around the world. Governments will feel pressured to move their shrinking budget from higher education towards short-term relief measures. International mobility of students and researchers has almost come to a halt and well-established business models based on inbound student mobility have collapsed. Futao Huang points at the possible impact for study destinations such as Australia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, the United States, Japan and South Korea [<https://bit.ly/30hRT7N>]. With their tuition fees, foreign students have substantially supported higher education and research in these countries. Time will show, how universities and governments re-adjust to reduce their dependency on foreign students' money. Germany may well emerge as a resilient location for higher education with costs of tuition mainly covered by the government.

Despite CoViD, numbers at Germany's central admission provider uni-assist show, that more than 80% of international students went ahead with their application. Which came as a surprise to most of us. However, there are also reports about long admission processes, shut down embassies and lacking flights to actually reach Germany.

Luckily, Thai academics are in a very privileged position: The German Embassy is open for regular business, including study and researcher visa; there are regular direct flights from Bangkok to Frankfurt at less than 20'000THB return and there are no quarantine requirements for travellers from Thailand to Germany. Which puts Thailand on a list of only ten non-EU countries considered safe.

At DAAD Thailand we are happy to confirm that all our scholarship programmes are open as usual. Let me just highlight a few programmes: We are happy to **support master's students**

from various fields, including SDG-related studies, law, performing arts and architecture. Students from any subject can receive funding to do their **PhD research** in Germany. Stays abroad can range from a few months to a full four years doctorate.

How will your stay in Germany look like as a student or researcher? Honestly, we don't know what the next year will look like. International universities are evaluating their experience with online teaching and they are modelling the risks for different activities on campus. My best guess right now is, that lectures will definitely be given online, smaller seminars and essential lab work may go ahead under strict safety measures. We talked to Thai students in Germany during facebook live sessions and you can find the interviews on our facebook page: <https://bit.ly/3cJWMMb> Hopefully the interviews can give you an idea how things work: scholarship application, moving to Germany, seminars at the university and life abroad.

The situation in Germany seems to be well-managed for the being, there are some local infections going on, which are traced and isolated. Only when and where the number of infections reaches a threshold of 50 per week per 100'000 inhabitants, local restrictions and put in place, which is the case in 4 out of 412 counties. You can find reliable and updated information at the Federal Institute for Public Health, Robert-Koch-Institut: <https://www.rki.de/EN/>

The headquarter of DAAD is also observing the situation and they are communicating implications for international scholars an scholarship holders through a special webpage: <https://www.daad.de/en/coronavirus/>

Let's keep in touch and stay safe,

Recommended Websites

DAAD Information for foreigners

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/en/>

Letter - Magazine for DAAD Alumni

www.daad.de/en/the-daad/communication-publications/letter/

Alumniportal Germany

www.alumniportal-deutschland.org

Study in Germany

<https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/>

Research in Germany

<http://www.research-in-germany.org/en>

Facts about Germany

<https://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/en>

What if ...? Mobility, scholarships and CoViD**What if I cannot go to Germany?**

Visa application and travel to Germany are really easy for people coming from Thailand.

What if I cannot return to Thailand?

If your scholarship ends, but you cannot return home, please report to your contact in Bonn, DAAD will make things work. Sometimes we can use our international network, sometimes we may extend the duration of the scholarship.

What if I cannot start my studies in another country funded by DAAD?

Maybe you can start attending classes online, maybe you can postpone? Where there is a will, there is a way.

What if I cannot reach my professor for an academic reference?

Please make sure you hand in your application on time! Reference letters will not be required this year. If you do have a reference, you are welcome to include it, if you don't have one, don't worry.

What if I cannot do a language test? DAAD will accept older certificates this year—even if you cannot do the language test at all: just add an explanation of the situation and upload this instead of the certificate. Please

keep in mind that the language level required does not change because of this! Make sure you meet the requirements. Proficiency will be tested at a later point in time.

What if I want to go for a short term stay to Germany? We are encouraging students to plan for a short course next year. There will be a scholarship programme for advanced language courses in Germany – how-

ever, we cannot predict circumstances for the return to Thailand in the future. Right now it is very difficult.

What if there is a second wave of CoViD in Thailand? Right now Thailand is on the RKI list of safe countries and no quarantine is required. If Thailand drops off that list, essential travellers in-

cluding students and researchers can still go to Germany. They will be asked to self quarantine with the option to shorten the time through a negative PCR test.

What if I receive a scholarship, but my host university is closed? You can still come to Germany and use facilities on or offline.

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Easy steps to
prepare yourself for
study in Germany

These ten video clips will easily explain step by step what you need to know and what needs to be done before studying in Germany.

Study in Germany is not complicated as it sounds. Let's get started!

[Step 1: Find programme and university](#)

[Step 2: Meet the requirements](#)

[Step 3: Finance your studies](#)

[Step 4: Apply for your programme](#)

[Step 5: Enter and stay in Germany](#)

[Step 6: Find accommodation](#)

[Step 7: Get help](#)

[Step 8: Enrol at your university](#)

[Step 9: Take care of formalities](#)

[Step 10: Organise your studies](#)

More video clips on topic „Study in Germany“, please visit

www.youtube.com/user/DAADBonn

Scholarship for the Best I

Final Calls for DAAD Scholarships 2021/2022

List of scholarship programmes:

Application Deadline: 30 September 2020

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Field of Architecture](#)

Application Deadline: 1 October 2020

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Field of Music](#)

Application Deadline: 5 October 2020

[Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists \(1-3 months\)](#)

[Study Visits for Academics – Artists and Architects \(1-3 months\)](#)

[Re-invitation Programmes for Former DAAD Scholarship Holders \(1-3 months\)](#)

Application Deadline: 20 October 2020

[Doctoral Programmes in Germany \(1-3 years\)](#)

[Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Programmes “Sandwich Scheme” \(1-2 years\)](#)

[One-Year Grants \(7-10 months\)](#)

Application Deadline: 30 October 2020

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Field of the Performing Art](#)

Application Deadline: 1 November 2020

[Study Visits by Groups of Foreign Students](#)

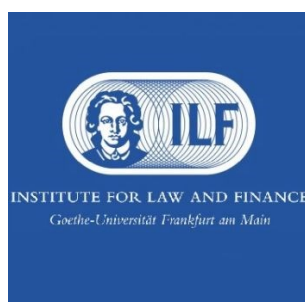
Application Deadline: 30 November 2020

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Fields of Fine Art, Design/Visual Communication and Film](#)

For detailed descriptions of each scholarship programme, please click on the particular programme you want to apply for.

Find more scholarships available for students and researchers from Thailand here:

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Funding programmes for DAAD Alumni in SEA and Thailand

Our alumni programmes provide ongoing support to former DAAD scholarship holders and offer them various funding opportunities within the global DAAD alumni network.

[Scientific Literature Programme](#)

[Small Equipment Programme](#)

[Re-Invitation Programme](#)

[Alumni Events](#)

We would be very happy, if you stay in touch with us.

„DAAD Alumni Thailand“



Scholarships for the Best II

Calls for applications!

DAAD Scholarships for Summer Courses at German Universities (HSK) 2021

The DAAD supports the best university students in second and third year to participate in a four-week language course offered by German Universities in June/July/August 2019.

Who is eligible?

- Undergraduate students can apply during their second or third year. Students in Master program can only apply in their first year.
- The program is open for students from all fields of studies.
- At the time of application students must prove German language proficiency on level B1. Applicants can take an OnSet-Deutsch exam organized by DAAD free of charge.***

Scholarship

- One-off scholarship payment of 1,061 € plus 1,325 € of travel allowance
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Please note: Airfare must be paid upfront; course fees and accommodation expenses will be deducted from scholarship payments.

Deadline: Please apply before **1. December 2020**

You can find scholarship details and application process here: <http://daad.or.th/HSK-E>

A list of courses can be found here: www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste

If you are not eligible or your application is not successful, you can still attend summer university courses at your own costs



*****Note*****

Due to pandemic situation, please contact DAAD Thailand for more information regarding Onset-Deutsch test.

DAAD Thailand closing dates 2020

In 2020 our office will be closed on:

September 4-7

October 13, 23

November 19-22,

December 7, 10-13,

and from December

25 to January 1, 2021

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Opening hours

The Information Centre is open for consultation every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10.00-12.00 and 13.00-16.00 hrs.

Under the covid-19 situation, please make an appointment before visiting our office.

Or you can reach us at 02-286 8708 - 09 , info@daad.or.th or Facebook and twitter: DAAD Thailand

Also, now DAAD Thailand is also available via Line (@daadthailand).

Feel free to contact us.

DAAD Activities in the Past Months

During COVID-19 outbreak our DAAD Thailand team has organized many online sessions providing information about studying and doing research in Germany including scholarship opportunities.

You can watch our series of video we have launched during the past months on Facebook:

- [FAQs for PhD candidates](#) (English)
- [DAAD Talk: PhD in Germany](#) (Thai)
- [Live Interview: Arts and Architecture](#) (English)
- [Study in Germany 001](#) (Thai)
- [Study in Germany with an IB](#) (English)
- [DAAD Scholarships for Thai applicants](#) (Thai)
- [Helmut-Schmidt-Programme for Public Policy and Good Governance](#) (Thai)
- [Studienkolleg in Germany](#) (Thai)

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