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### Consultation hours:

Monday, Wednesday and  
Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Greetings

In the coming days we are expecting applications for research scholarships to Germany. These scholarships are open to young researchers from any field and the programme is arguably one of DAAD's flagships. So today I would like to highlight a few frequently asked questions about our research grants.

DAAD provides *scholarships for the best*. Regardless of social or economic background, we focus on academic achievements, recommendations, and the quality of the research proposal handed in for application.

You can *study and do your research in English*. Nearly two thousand international programmes at German universities allow you to study in English and almost all universities take doctoral candidates who do their research and doctoral thesis in English. We do support German language courses before the actual research stay begins. However, German is not a requirement.

Research scholarships are open to applications *from any field*: natural science and engineering are very popular, but we also fund social sciences, humanities, arts or law. For medical doctorates the funding period is limited to one year.

DAAD scholarships come with *no bonding or strings attached*. We expect our scholarship holders to focus on their studies and research while they receive funding, but we do not have any requirements regarding their workplace after the scholarship is terminated. Also, you don't have to pay back any money.

Individual *scholarships are for your personal upkeep* and well-being while you study or do research. This includes international airfare, health insurance and a reasonable stipend for



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living expenses. If you have a family and you stay for more than half a year, DAAD can support your spouse and children as well. We do not cover additional costs for research, like field trips or experimental setup.

*There is no quota* for Thailand. The number of scholarships awarded depends on the quality of applications and the number of complete applications handed in. Last year DAAD supported more than forty Thai scholars on a long-term stipend lasting more than 6 months, most of them doctoral candidates.

At DAAD, all crucial *decisions are taken by independent committees* of academic experts, and this surely includes scholarship decisions. For research stays there will be an independent panel of experts to interview the candidates at the embassy, and the final decision will be taken by a committee in Bonn, Germany.

At DAAD office Thailand we are happy to assist with any question regarding study and research in Germany. This includes funding opportunities like DAAD scholarships, but we also have information about support from our institutional partners like Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Erasmus+, IAESTE and many more. Should you know any promising young researcher, make sure you send them over to us!

Recommended  
WebsitesDAAD Information for  
foreigners

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

Letter - Magazine for  
DAAD Alumni

[www.daad-magazin.de/letter.html](http://www.daad-magazin.de/letter.html)

## Alumniportal Germany

[www.alumniportal-deutschland.org](http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org)

## Study in Germany

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

## Research in Germany

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

## Facts about Germany

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

## German Delegation Visit to Universities in Bangkok

In August 2018, Christian Strowa, Head of Unit, Scholarships Asia and Pacific, visited the Thai capital with a delegation to discuss progress in local DAAD programmes. This three-and-a-half-day trip may give an overview of some DAAD activities beyond individual scholarships.

Upon arrival in Bangkok, the team first visited the German Embassy in Bangkok, a very close partner of DAAD Thailand, where they met Mr Joachim Hecker, the new Head of the Cultural and Press Section, to discuss developments in Thailand and give an overview of activities in the kingdom. After that the team went to Chulalongkorn University, where there was an international German Studies conference organised by the German section and supported by DAAD. The conference was a good showcase for the broad perspective of modern German studies offered nowadays in the region. At the same time it was also a highlight of DAAD's long-term commitment to Thailand and the region as German studies at Chulalongkorn University was established with strong support by a German expert lecturer in 1957 and has been supported ever since for more than 60 years.

The next day focussed on the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, also known as SEAMEO TropMed. This is surely one of the best places world-wide for post-graduate studies in tropical medicine and it is undoubtedly an important hub for the region. Since the 1970s DAAD has been providing a special kind of scholarship programme at TropMed: Scholars from the ASEAN region are supported to study on masters or doctoral level in Thailand. The delegation had the chance to hand over 14 scholarship certificates to students currently at TropMed. Starting 2019 the scholarship programme will include an opportunity to go to Germany for a research phase during the work on masters thesis.

On their third day, the delegation visited the German-Southeast Asian Centre of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG) at Thammasat University. The CPG is one of only three Centres of Excellence world-wide financed by the German Government and we take special pride in having such an outstanding research institution in Bangkok. CPG acts as a think tank, a provider of advisory services and as an open forum on all issues of Public Policy with a regional focus on Southeast Asia.

Finally, the Sirindhorn International Thai-German Graduate School of Engineering at King-Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (TGGS) was visited, where an entire international graduate school has been established in close cooperation with RWTH Aachen University, proving once again the long-term commitment of DAAD to Thailand, seeing the project through more than ten years and a number of drawbacks, before it finally developed in one of Thailand's most important research hubs for engineering.

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](#)

[Material Resources Programme](#)

[Re-Invitation Programme](#)

[Alumni Events](#)

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



„DAAD Alumni Thailand“

## Impressions from the German Studies Conference

In August the German Section of Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, organised an international German Studies Conference.



German faculty/Chulalongkorn

The conference was attended by sixty participants from Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia and covered the entire field of German Studies, from literature and linguistics, to teaching of German as a foreign language (DaF), and cultural studies.

An innovation well worth noticing was the young researchers panel, where individuals and groups of masters students had the opportunity to present their findings from research projects and masters theses.

From the DAAD perspective the conference was highly successful, underlining the big network of German studies scholars established in the region and the interest of a future generation of scholars taking the stage at such an international event.



German faculty/Chulalongkorn

Dr. Kingkarn Thapkanjana, Dean, Fac. of Humanities offering a token to Joachim Hecker, German Embassy



German faculty/Chulalongkorn

Dr. Thanakon Kaewwipat, head of German Section delivering closing remarks of the young researcher's panel at German Studies Conference (DAAD delegation in the second row). All Photos: German Section, CU

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## Falling Walls Lab

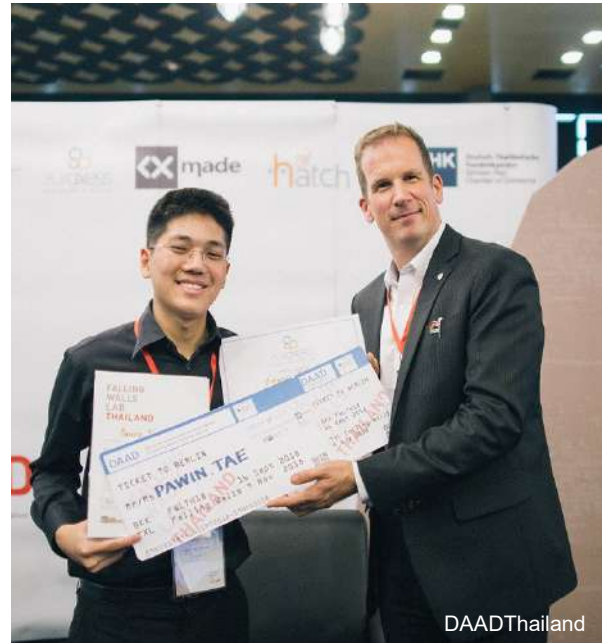
*“We are capable of changing things for the better”*  
 Jan Scheer, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy Bangkok

On the 16th September 2018 Bangkok's very first Falling Walls Lab took place at Chulalongkorn University.

The Falling Walls Lab is an international forum for the next generation of outstanding innovators and creative thinkers. During the first step each participating country gives regional participants the opportunity to present their research work, business model, or initiative to a high-calibre jury made up of experts from academia and business, and the general public - in 3 minutes each. The ideas are rated on their breakthrough factor, impact on society, and presentation.



In Bangkok 22 researchers and entrepreneurs took part. The topics were diverse and innovative: Participants proposed breaking the wall of traditional teaching through gamification, the wall of garbage through recycling into art, the wall of public safety through an AI surveillance system, and the wall of architecture by mimicking design from nature. In the end Mr. Pawin Taechoyotin won by breaking the wall of community safety. He developed a low-cost gas detection system that uses an image fusion technology to make invisible gas visible on a computer screen. Next Mr. Taechoyotin will present his idea to a distinguished jury in Berlin, Germany on the 8th November 2018, and will compete amongst 100 international finalists. He will also get the opportunity to visit research labs and universities of his choice in any of the 28 member countries of the European union.



We would like to thank all participants and organizers for their effort in making this an unforgettable event. Falling Walls Lab Thailand was hosted by the Friedrich-Naumann foundation with support of DAAD Thailand, EURAXESS, KX MADE, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, KMUTT Hatch, Chulalongkorn University, and the German-Thai Chamber of Commerce.

If you want to be the next Falling Walls Lab winner of Thailand, keep following our newsletters for future announcements!



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## Scholarships for the Best I

Last Call for DAAD Scholarships 2018/2019

funded by the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

### List of scholarship programmes:

**Application Deadline: 15 October 2018**

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

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

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

[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: 30 September 2018**

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

**Application Deadline: 15 October 2018**

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

**Application Deadline: 31 October 2018**

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

**Application Deadline: 30 November 2018**

[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: [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)

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A new preparatory program offered by Goethe Institut Thailand



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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 program and university](#)

[Step 2: Meet the requirements](#)

[Step 3: Finance your studies](#)

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

[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](http://www.youtube.com/user/DAADBonn)

## Scholarships for the Best II

Calls for applications!

### DAAD Scholarships for Summer Courses at German Universities (HSK) 2019

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 950 € plus 725 € 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 2018**

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](http://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*



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More details: [http://bit.ly/h2\\_17](http://bit.ly/h2_17)

DAAD Roadtrip to North Thailand 2018 (28 August - 30 August)

A personal recollection from the intern Vu

Spreading knowledge about study and research opportunities in Germany - that was our goal for this road trip. Our first destination was Mae Fah Luang University. As we arrived I was impressed by the beautiful trees and flowers on campus. Inside the building we were warmly welcomed by the staff and the room was packed with students and professors. After my colleagues P'Meen and P'Jay finished their presentation, the audience remained on their seats and were eager to ask further questions.

The next day we went to Chiang Mai University, where our DAAD lecturer Dr. Dirk Baldes works. This time even more people showed up and many stayed after the presentation to ask more questions. Afterwards we visited Dara Academy and presented in front of Thai Mathayom students who studied German. To break the ice I made the students form German words with letters printed on paper. I was positively surprised by their high energy and German knowledge. Although I liked all schools and universities we visited, this was definitely my favorite class. Lastly we presented to students of Prince Royal's College, some of whom had already been to Germany and told us about their experience.

On our third and final day we went to Pingkarattana School and Wattanothaipayap School. The Pingkarattana School has a large German department and also sends their students to Germany on an exchange program. At the Wattanothaipayap School we presented in front of our biggest audience so far - approx. 150 students. We hope that some of them will make their way to Germany in the future.

Me and my colleagues would like to thank all participants. You made us feel welcome and appreciated. Furthermore, if you are a school or university interested in having us in the future, please contact us. We would be glad to visit you.

See you soon!



## DAAD Activities in the past months I

Apart from big events such as the “Germanistik Konferenz”, the Falling Walls Lab, and our Road Trip to Northern Thailand in the past few months, DAAD Thailand has also continued holding our regular information evenings on the third or fourth Thursday of each month. Moreover, we have started our new online platform of providing information on Study and Research in Germany called „Webinar“. With the Webinar DAAD Thailand can reach a bigger audience and makes it more convenient for those who live outside of Bangkok. You can follow us on our Facebook page „DAAD Thailand“ to keep updated about our next webinar.

In addition to our information events, DAAD Thailand was invited by Thai and international schools as well as Erasmus+ to give information and share experiences on Study and Research in Germany. Here are some snapshots of our latest activities!



21 July 2018, Erasmus+ Pre-Departure Orientation & Networking 2018 @ The Westin Grand Sukhumvit, Bangkok  
One Thai student chooses Germany as the destination for his internship



1 August 2018, Education Fair 2018 @ Kamnoetvidya Science Academy School, Rayong  
Not only students from KVIS, but other schools in the area came and joined the education fair.

20 September 2018, Bangkok Patana University Fair @ Bangkok Patana International School, Bangkok



## DAAD Activities in the past months II

For schools, universities or other organizations, if you would like DAAD to go to and give information on Study and Research, and funding opportunities in Germany at your institutes, please send your request to us directly. We would love to be there for you! And for individuals, you can come and talk to us in our office during consultation hours or you could join our monthly presentation. We will post date and time on our Facebook page: DAAD Thailand.



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Webinars on topics: "Research in Germany" and "Helmut-Schmidt Program" with DAAD Alumni and our monthly presentation on Study and Research in Germany

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## DAAD Thailand closing dates 2018

In 2018 our office will be closed on:

March 1-2

April 6, 12-17

May 1, 29

July 27, 30

August 13

October 3, 15, 23

December 5, 10

and from December 25, 2018 - January 1, 2019

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**OCSC International Education Expo 2018**  
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5th Floor Siam Paragon J11

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