

DAAD North America: Application Checklist for Study Scholarships of All Academic Disciplines (excluding architecture and artistic fields e. g. music, fine art, performing arts)

Please use the following list to ensure you submit a complete application. **These guidelines are region specific for North American applicants only.** You will find some different details on the application portal and the DAAD Bonn website, such as maximum pages; the instructions on this checklist supersede any conflicting information potentially found elsewhere. Certificates, proof of credits, certifications and translations maybe scanned in non-certified form, and uploaded to the DAAD portal.

✓	>>>> Submit online (documents to be uploaded to the DAAD portal)
	1. Online application form (please register for the Online Portal via scholarship database).
	2. Full Resume/curriculum vitae in tabular form. (max. 3 pages).
	3. 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. No format restrictions regarding font, spacing and paragraphs.
	4. 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.
	<p>5. Information about your preferred master programmes (← Please download here)</p> <p>Additional info for Master’s degree applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants who will be starting their master’s program in Germany: when completing the form, DAAD recommends listing up to 5 potential degree programs to avoid a situation in which you are granted a scholarship but end up not getting accepted into a Master’s program. However, when writing your proposal, you should focus on your first choice, and mention briefly additional programs at the end of your proposal. • Those who are already in the first year of a master’s degree program in Germany: complete the form, and list your current program. <p>OR</p> <p>For a study period in Germany as part of an American or Canadian postgraduate or Master’s degree: submit proof that the academic credits earned in Germany will be recognized by your home institution (e.g. letter from your department).</p>
	6. University degree Certificate(s), if applicable (e.g. Bachelor or Master): if your studies have not been completed at the time of the application deadline, the certificate must be subsequently submit before the scholarship-supported study program.

	<p>7. Transcripts of ALL university studies, make sure that individual grades are listed as well as the explanations of the grading system which are usually on the back.</p>
	<p>8. DAAD language evaluation form / Sprachnachweis (← please download here): If you have any knowledge of German, submit this document signed by a faculty member (professors or teaching assistants) of the German Department at your institution. 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".</p> <p>❖ Important note: If you are unable to submit a language certificate due to Corona (e.g. due to the closure of universities or language test centers), please upload an appropriate justification with a self-assessment of your current language level according to the CEFR instead of the missing document. Please note, however, that you will need proof of language proficiency to apply for university admission and thus to start the scholarship. If you acquire a language certificate after the application deadline, please submit it to us. You can find tips for self-assessment of your language skills here, see section A point 8.</p>
	<p>❖ Please disregard the following requirement on our head office's website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other documents you think might be of relevance to your application (e.g. certificates of employment, proof of placements). • Proof of knowledge of language(s) of instruction in the chosen study programme (should be no older than 2 years)-----not applicable for "Native speakers of English"

✓	<p>>>>> Submit by mail (postmarked by the deadline date): please ignore this part if you applied through your home university</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 signed reference form from a university professor in your major field in a sealed envelope to the address below. • The reference form is available on the DAAD portal, also called referee's report. • If necessary, your referee may mail the reference form to us directly. <p>Please Mail signed reference form to : DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Study Scholarship 871 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017</p> <p>❖ Important note: a reference is still required. However, if it is impossible to receive it from your professor due to the current pandemic situation, you may submit your application without a reference.</p>

Your application is only complete when we have received your complete electronic application via the online portal and reference by post (postmarked by the deadline). Please note that incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.