

Helmut & Babs Amos Scholarship

'Academic Exchange between Germany and South Africa'

The DAAD Foundation pursues similar objectives to those of the DAAD e.V. with the difference that the funding available is donated by private individuals. The latter are people who have been very lucky in their lives (in some cases due to having held a scholarship themselves) and now wish to show their gratitude by supporting young students and academics from their private means. The DAAD Foundation and its trustee, the DAAD e.V., collaborate closely in administering this funding.

Mr Helmut Amos is a German entrepreneur who has lived in South Africa for many decades. He himself is an engineer. It is very important to him to support academic relations between South Africa and Germany by personally donating funds to support so-called scholarship sponsorships.

The Helmut & Babs Amos Scholarship is to be awarded to students and researchers at or due to go to Stellenbosch University or comparable excellent universities in South Africa (UCT Cape Town, WITS Johannesburg, etc.) and those at or due to go to any German state university.

Applicants in the engineering sciences or in the applied natural sciences related to the engineering sciences who have distinguished themselves in the course of their studies and, where relevant, in their career based on excellent professional achievements, and ideally have also demonstrated outstanding social commitment are eligible for funding. Proficiency in English and German is desirable.

The Helmut & Babs Amos Scholarship can also be awarded to intensify existing contacts between South African and German universities through exchange.

Programme objectives

The primary objective of this programme is to support research undertaken as part of a doctoral project or final master's thesis in the engineering sciences or applied natural sciences related to the engineering sciences.

Who can apply?

Very well qualified South African and German doctoral candidates, PhDs and postdocs, as well as students who have gained a master's degree or *Diplom*, or in exceptional cases a bachelor's degree, by the time the scholarship programme starts.

South African doctoral candidates who are already pursuing their doctoral studies at a German university are not eligible to apply.

Female applicants and applicants from socially disadvantaged backgrounds are given priority in the event of equal qualifications.

What is funded?

A research project or a scientific training project at a state or state-recognised German higher education institution or non-university research institution that is carried out in coordination with a supervisor in Germany.

Duration and benefits of the funding

1) TO GERMANY Research Grants – Short-Term Grants

1 month to max. 6 months

Scholarship benefits

Monthly scholarship instalment amount depends on qualification level

EUR 861 for graduates

EUR 1,200 for doctoral students and postgraduates

Health, accident and liability insurance contributions

Allowance for travel expenses

2) TO GERMANY Research Grants – One-Year Grants

7 months to a maximum of 12 months;

Scholarship benefits

Monthly scholarship instalment amount depends on qualification level

EUR 861 for graduates

EUR 1,200 for doctoral students and postgraduates

Health, accident and liability insurance contributions

Allowance for travel expenses

One-off research grant

3) TO SOUTH AFRICA Research Grants

1 month to a maximum of 12 months;

Scholarship benefits

Monthly scholarship instalment amount depends on qualification level

EUR 1,125 for graduates

EUR 1,575 for doctoral students and postgraduates

Health, accident and liability insurance contributions

Allowance for travel expenses, providing the costs are not borne by another party

Monthly research allowance of EUR 102

Under certain conditions: Subsidy for tuition fees proven to be incurred

Generally applicable to 1) – 3)

An independent selection committee of academics decides on the applications.

The duration of funding may be determined by the selection committee depending on the project and the work schedule.

Scholarships are not renewable.

Rent subsidies and supplements for accompanying family members are **not** covered by the benefits of the Helmut & Babs Amos Scholarship.

Selection criteria:

Professional qualification (documented by: university certificates, expert reports, publications):

Study achievements and duration of study

Where applicable, academic achievements after graduation (e.g. publications, lectures, conference contributions)

Quality of the research project (documented by: description of the research project, schedule, expert reports, evidence of contacts, evidence of language proficiency, if applicable):

Quality of the research project and the preparatory work

Originality, topicality and relevance of the project

Reasons for the stay in Germany and the choice of host university

Feasibility and consistency of the work schedule and timetable (analysis and evaluation steps, language skills where applicable)

Embedding of the project in the overall doctoral qualification process (in terms of content/time), if relevant

Significance of the research project and the stay in Germany in terms of academic and career planning

Extracurricular criteria (documented by: curriculum vitae, certificates where relevant):

Language proficiency: knowledge of the language of instruction must be demonstrated.

Extracurricular knowledge and skills (e.g. gained through professional or voluntary activities, further training)

Involvement in internal academic administration, university policy issues

Involvement in politics, community/society, culture, family (periods spent raising or caring for children etc.)

Application process

Applications can be submitted via the DAAD e.V. portal under the programmes

INCOMING

Research Grants – Short-Term Grants

Research Grants – One-Year Scholarships for Doctoral Candidates (in this case also master's degree students)

OUTGOING

Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates (in this case also master's degree students)

Under the DAAD e.V. programmes mentioned above you will find the list of documents to be submitted; identical requirements apply to the DAAD Foundation.

Please state in the application form and in the letter of motivation that you are applying for the Helmut & Babs Amos Scholarship.

Application deadline

The application deadline depends on the programme for which you are applying via the DAAD portal.

Application location

DAAD Foundation

c/o ST32 Kennedyallee 50

53175 Bonn, Germany

Germany

Notes on the application

The application is only valid if all the required documents are submitted to the DAAD portal by the deadline. The postmark applies when determining whether expert reports were submitted by the deadline. If further documents are to be submitted by post, please send them in as soon as possible.

The DAAD portal closes at midnight Central European Time (CET) on the last day of application.

Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Responsibility for completeness lies with the applicant.

The application documents remain with the DAAD Foundation or the DAAD e.V.

Applicants' data is stored by the DAAD e.V./the DAAD Foundation in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act insofar as it is required for processing the application.

Contact and advice

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