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German Academic Exchange Service



Ministry of
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State for Scientific
Research

German Egyptian Short Term Research Scholarships

In the context of the German Egyptian Year of Science & Technology 2007, a Cooperation Agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, Bonn (DAAD) in order to finance short term scholarships for young Egyptian Scientists to travel to Germany. The target group of the program are PhD candidates and young Post Doctoral candidates. The scholarships may be awarded for a period from three to six months.

This scholarship is offered to two groups of academics:

1. M.A. or M.Sc. Holders who wish to do additional research on their Ph.D. theses.
2. Doctorate or Ph.D holders (degree should be awarded at least one year prior to the application) for research at a German university or research institute.

1. Purpose:

Each year a group of researchers will be sent to Germany for doctoral and post doctoral studies in the fields agreed upon by both parties. The distribution of the monthly units will be defined by a bi-national independent selection committee according to the proposals presented for doctoral and post doctoral candidates. This distribution may change annually if both parties agree. Generally speaking, the number of months granted should not exceed six months per candidate and should not be less than three months. The distribution should be done in consideration to the number of applications from doctoral and post doctoral candidates. Scholarships cannot be extended after commencement of travel to Germany and/or final distribution of the monthly units.

The scholarship shall enable advanced graduate students to pursue part of their doctoral research as well as postdoctoral students to carry out a specific research project at German universities, archives, libraries or research institutes. The typical candidate for the scholarship should have obtained his/her degree at least one year before applying for this scholarship.

The scholarship cannot be awarded for general information-gathering visits or for participation in scientific meetings.

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2. Eligibility:

Applicants must be currently affiliated with an Egyptian university or an Egyptian Research Institute and must have a **Master's degree** which should not be older than two years or PhD that was awarded at least one year prior to the application.

Within a period of **three years** a person can be awarded **only one grant**.

Final selection of the candidates will be based on:

- Excellent Study Achievements
- At the time of application the age of the candidates should not exceed 32 (for doctoral candidates) and 40 years for post doctoral candidates, respectively.
- Good command of English is required; preference will be given to holders of TOEFL (minimum of 550points) or IELTS (band6) certificate. German is a plus.
- On a general basis, priority will be given to the following fields without excluding any other fields: water, renewable energies, medical sciences, material sciences, biotechnology, social sciences and humanities.
- Candidates may voluntarily participate in the German language Course which will be prepared in cooperation with the Goethe Institute in Egypt.

(Candidates in medical science can only be supported if they intend to visit Germany for research purposes due to the complicated procedure regarding the medical license. It is not possible to obtain the license of practicing medicine due to the limited time of the scholarship)

3. Stipend:

- Post Doctoral scholarship holders (degree should be awarded at least one year prior to the application) will be granted an amount of EUR 1840 (one thousand eight hundred and forty Euros) per month.
- Doctoral scholarship holders will be granted an amount of EUR 1035 (one thousand and thirty five Euros) per month.

Insurance amounts covering health, accident and liability insurance will be deducted from the monthly stipend of each scholarship holder. The candidates will take over all travel costs.

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4. Application procedure:

Pre-selection application forms can be filled out electronically as of the 15th of October and prior to the 30th of November 2007. A link to the electronic application form can be found under the following websites:

<http://www.frcu.eun.eg/scu/eng/Higher-Education.htm>

<http://www.mhesr-initiatives.org/parown/>

www.mohe-casm.edu.eg

www.estp.sci.eg

<http://cairo.daad.de>

www.yearofscience.org

Applications received after that date and incomplete applications will not be considered. The studies and research to be pursued in Germany should not start before April 1st of the following year for the October call and October 1st of the following year for the April call. Decisions are made by the bi-national selection committee. Applicants will be informed about the committee's decision through the Cairo Office of the DAAD. Applicants will be informed of the decision by email - please do not neglect to provide us with your updated contacts on the application. Applicants of the October call will be informed no earlier than February/March; for this reason, applicants should not plan to travel to Germany before April. Applicants of the April call will be informed no earlier than August/September; therefore they should not plan to travel to Germany before October.

A complete application consists of the joint electronic application form for which you need to prepare the following:

- A complete list of publications, if available.
- A detailed and well defined description of the planned research or studies in Germany
- Copies of correspondence with a German professor showing that the research or studies are feasible and can be conducted in Germany (Faxes or emails should not be sent to the Cairo Office of the DAAD)
- Two letters of recommendation by professors at the applicant's home university; these should refer to the candidate's academic achievements and the quality of the proposed research or study plan. (template can be downloaded from the above mentioned website)
- The B.A. or B.Sc. certificate and the M.A. or M.Sc. and PhD certificate if applicable.
- Endorsement letter from the home university or research institute (template can be downloaded from the above mentioned website)

The above mentioned documents should be uploaded on the electronic application form. An incomplete application is the responsibility of the applicant.

Please note:

There are no quotas for individual institutions or disciplines. Final selections will be based on interviews three month prior the commencement of travel. Exact date will be defined later. The interview takes place at the premises of the DAAD Cairo Office; reasons for the decision taken by the bi-national selection committee cannot be given.

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