

## **German Egyptian Research Long-Term Scholarship to the Federal Republic of Germany “GERLS”**

As an outcome of success achieved during the German-Egyptian Year of Science & Technology 2007, a cooperation agreement has been made between the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt “MHESR” and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD). Funds made available by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education have been allocated to create a program offering postgraduate scholarships for Egyptian doctoral candidates.

**The target group of this program will be comprised of Egyptian researchers who generally have been awarded M.A. / M.Sc. degrees in the past three years.**

### ***1. Background and objective***

Within the framework of the long-standing cooperation between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Federal Republic of Germany, and in partial fulfillment of the MHESR and DAAD aims and objectives; as well as in consideration of the funding resources and regulations of both parties, the aforementioned parties have agreed to create the “German Egyptian Research Long Term Scholarships” (GERLS).

### ***2. Aim and duration of doctoral studies in Germany***

Each year a group of researchers will be sent to Germany for doctoral scholarships in the scientific fields. Priorities will be agreed upon by DAAD and MHESR.

The GERLS program will be administered by the DAAD in close cooperation with the MHESR and German universities. Generally speaking, the scholarships within this program are awarded for 12 months, subject to extension up to 42 months.

Candidates can select adequately structured PhD courses or PhD supervisors in Germany themselves in order to join the GERLS program. However, dual funding from universities offering such courses and the GERLS program are not permitted. DAAD Cairo office and MHESR will support the candidates whenever necessary.

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The following definitions will be used throughout this sheet:

**“Full Ph.D.” Scholarship:**

- Target: in all fields of academic studies except the following disciplines (fine & applied arts and music).
- Degree: Ph.D. will be awarded by a German university.
- Duration: up to 42 months.

**“Channel” Scholarship:**

- Target: in all fields of study except the following disciplines (fine & applied arts and music).
- Degree: Ph.D. will be awarded by an Egyptian university,
- Duration: up to 24 months.

***3. Time line of the program:***

- ***Call for Application:*** As of 01.10.2016 to 15.12.2016
- ***Pre-Selection Procedures:*** from January 2016 to end of March 2017
- ***Final Selection Procedures:*** April 2017
- ***Final Selection Results:*** May 2017
- ***Start of Preparation Phase in Egypt:*** May 2017
- ***First Travel Date for the start of the language course in Germany:*** December 2017
- ***Start of the Academic Semester in Germany:*** April 2018

***Kindly note that all above mentioned dates are subject to change without prior notice.***

***4. Language Requirements***

***4.1 English Language Requirements:***

- All applicants have to submit proof of English language skills/abilities.
- This proof shall be one of the following certificates: either IELTS (band 6) certificate or institutional TOEFL ITP (minimum score 550) or international TOEFL IBT (minimum score 80). **Any other certificate and/ or score will not be accepted.**
- Sufficient proof of English skills is eligibility criteria.

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#### **4.2. German Language Requirements:**

- The German language is not considered as an entry requirement by the time of the application; however, it is a plus.
- All final selected candidates will receive an intensive language course for a period of up to 8 months in Egypt and in Germany.
- A placement test will be conducted to all applicants who have knowledge of German language and have indicated this in their application form.
- Applicants from the field of German studies and German school graduates will be exempted from the language course in Egypt and in Germany.

#### **5. Pre-selection application package**

- Candidates have to apply online through the DAAD portal as of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.
- You are kindly asked to search for the GERLS program under the following link: [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de), register yourself on the DAAD Portal and then fill in the application form electronically (For more information, please refer to the guide “**How to apply online?**”).
- **3 copies from the complete “Application Summary” have to be sent to the DAAD Cairo office via post latest by the deadline 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**
- **Please note**, an application is only valid when it has been submitted electronically together with all required documents via the DAAD Portal and not via email and sent as hard copies in 3 sets to the DAAD Cairo office latest by the deadline. Any additional documents submitted as a hard copy only without being uploaded on the portal will not be accepted.

#### **5.1 Requirements from research institution / university staff members following the Mission’s plan:**

- 1- Online Application Form (Form is available on the DAAD portal)
- 2- General Required Information (Form is available on the DAAD website)
- 3- Declaration of Consent (Form is available on the DAAD website)
- 4- A research proposal (Form is available on the DAAD website)
- 5- CV with a maximum of 3 pages. We recommend using the europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>).
- 6- A complete list of publications, if available.

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- 7- Acceptance letter from a German professor showing that the research project under preparation is feasible and can be conducted in Germany under his supervision. The acceptance letter should state **the title, time frame** (exact duration and starting date of supervision according to the program timeline should be stated) and **objectives of the project**. The acceptance letter should not be older than six months at the time of application.
- 8- A signed and stamped official endorsement letter from the applicant's home institution (**template of which is available on the DAAD website:**  
<http://cairo.daad.de/en/scholarships/phd/>).
- 9- A signed and stamped official statement of employment (بيان حالة) issued from the applicants' institution/ university. The statement should indicate that the applicant is affiliated (employed) to his/her institution/university at the time of application under the current position and should reflect a complete history of employment (**a minimum of two employment years is a must**).
- 10- Proof of PhD registration in one of the Egyptian universities for the candidates who apply for **Channel system**.
- 11- Proof of the ethical commission's approval in Germany in case the project is involving experiments on animals/ human beings (If applicable).
- 12- Proof of English language abilities: either IELTS (band 6) certificate or institutional TOEFL ITP (minimum score 550) or international TOEFL IBT (minimum score 80).
- 13- Summary of Master's thesis maximum one page.
- 14- Copy of passport
- 15- All awarded certificates: Bachelor University transcript, Master's University transcript, Bachelor, Master's and School leaving certificate.
- 16- Two recommendation letters **3 sets each** to be submitted in a sealed envelope in hard copies only to the DAAD Cairo office (**template of which is available on the DAAD Portal**).

**N.B. Applicants listed under this category have to fulfill the eligibility criteria of the Mission department.**

### **5.2 Requirements from non-university staff members:**

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- 8- A motivation letter from the applicant.
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All applicants will be able to retrieve their pre-selection result via the DAAD website according to the timeline of the program.

**Please check the electronic application form for more details starting from 01.07.2016.  
Please note that incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will not be considered.**

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**N.B** Applicants from the field of Archaeology and Islamic studies could submit the application in German language; however, applicants from the field of German studies have to submit the application in German.

## **6. Selection of candidates**

The candidates will be selected in two rounds. First, a pre-selection procedure will identify the group of applicants to be invited for the second phase consisting of a personal interview with the GERLS bi-national independent selection committee. Pre- and final selection of the candidates will be conducted according to, but not limited to following criteria:

- Excellent study achievement.
- Good command of languages: English language command is required, while German language command is a plus.
- Scientific merits, including:
  - A -Quality of the proposal
  - B -The benefit to Egypt
  - C -Preparation and feasibility of the project
  - D -Quality of the acceptance letter

## **7. Stipend:**

The GERLS scholarship includes:

- A monthly basic stipend of 1000 Euros for a Ph.D. candidate, plus individual surcharges and standard annual allowances.
- A monthly family allowance if applicable.
- An allowance for health insurance.
- German language course and cultural preparation course.

***Such amounts are subject to change and will always be adapted according to the general regulations for DAAD scholarships.***

## **8. German language courses**

### **8.1 In Egypt:**

- Each scholarship holder is entitled to receive German language and intercultural training in Egypt before the candidates' travel to Germany. Distribution among language centers will be defined by the DAAD Cairo office.
- After the elapse of language course a unified final exam will be conducted at Goethe Institute Cairo/ Alexandria.

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- For the candidates who didn't pass the final exam the DAAD may offer the possibility to attend a second crash course at the Goethe Institute and therefore a second test.
- In that case, the decision will be taken by the DAAD. The test fees should be covered by the candidate whereas the crash course fees will be covered by DAAD. Subject to the availability of fund.
- A per diem will be provided to the scholarship holders according to the distance between the scholars' home University/Institute and language course center.
- Scholarship holders are expected to arrange for their own health and liability insurance for these courses.

### **8.2 In Germany:**

- Each scholarship holder will receive an intensive German language course in Germany. All scholarship holders are expected to achieve the B2 German language level.
- Failing in the language course will have consequences that will be borne by the scholarship holder.
- During the language course duration, the following aspects will be covered:
  - The costs of accommodation.
  - The costs of health, accident and liability insurances.
  - Travel allowance from the language center to the host institution or university at the end of the language course in Germany.
  - The return costs from the language course location to the host University /Institution for a preparatory visit may be paid.

### **9. Please note that:**

- Applicants from the field of medicine cannot do any clinical training within this scholarship; no license to practice medicine in Germany is possible.
- Scholarships granted to applicants, who are not fulfilling the Mission's department's eligibility criteria and plan, will be limited in numbers.
- There are no quotas for individual institutions or disciplines.
- Priority will be given to younger scientists. Final selection phase will be based on the interviews, which will take place in the second quarter of 2017 at the DAAD premises in Cairo; however, the exact date will be defined later by the DAAD Cairo office.

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- The DAAD is not in the position to inform the applicants about the reasons of the committee's decision.
- If the research proposal requires a field study to be conducted in Egypt, kindly refer to the field study information sheet and indicate it in the application.
- **Among the reasons for disqualifying an application are the following:**
  - a) Wrong history information and misleading information about previous applications.
  - b) Incomplete application.
  - c) Submitting two different proposals or two different accounts in one cycle.
  - d) Dual application with other programs (kindly refer to the dual application matrix).
  - e) Dual nationality of applicant.
  - f) Hand made changes and corrections in the acceptance letter.
  - g) **Plagiarism (e.g. copied data from the internet without stating the references). For more information, please refer to “Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice Guideline”.**
  - h) Fraudulent documents.
- Detecting plagiarism in any application during pre- and/or final selection phase, will lead to disqualification of the application from the respective GERLS call.
- Applicants, whose research require transferring samples to Germany; have to pay attention to the Transfer Material Agreement (MTA) and the procedures to be followed accordingly.
- Applicants should not reside outside Egypt for more than six months at the time of application.
- The application for the GERLS scholarship program is limited to 3 trial times.
- GERSS Alumni targeting a PhD title are encouraged to apply for the GERLS program after returning back to Egypt provided that they fulfill the requirements of the GERLS program.
- GERLS candidates who have been accepted but could not make use of the scholarship due to justifiable reasons or budget limitations will be exempted from the pre-selection procedure and will be automatically invited to the interview of the call following the year of their application providing that they are applying with the same proposal and same acceptance letter with a recent date. Normal application procedure is, however, mandatory for these candidates.
- Applicants should indicate any changes in their proposal and what has been developed and/or changed since the last call.
- GERLS scholarship holders and applicants whose spouse has been granted a DAAD or MHESR scholarship should inform the DAAD accordingly.

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- Candidates should pass the language course in Egypt and Germany as well. The required level to be reached in Germany is B2, unless otherwise prescribed by the host university.
- Medicine candidates should be employed by their home university 2 years after residency period.
- Changes in the submitted proposal will require the approval of the independent selection committee and a new endorsement letter of the home university.
- The award of scholarships is subject to the availability of funds.

***An incomplete application is the responsibility of the applicant.***

## **10. Further Information and Inquires:**

### **10.1 Information:**

This info sheet is also available on the following website:

- <http://cairo.daad.de>

### **10.2 General Inquires:**

General inquiries concerning documents submitted or program description should be directed to Ms. Asmaa Yahia

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**Kindly note that your inquiries will be only answered during the working days (Sundays-Thursdays) from (9:00 am – 12:00 pm). Please avoid last minute submission of application, as the GERLS team is not operating on weekends.**

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We would like to draw your attention that DAAD is offering proposal writing workshops for doctoral candidates on the DAAD premises. For interested applicants, kindly check DKA website: <http://dka.daadcairo.org/> or send us an e-mail: [kauro.akademie@daadcairo.org](mailto:kauro.akademie@daadcairo.org).

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