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„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa

**Call for Scholarship Applications 2019
at the Institute for Land, Poverty and Agrarian
Studies, University of the Western Cape**

**Funded by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
(GIZ) GmbH**

Application Closing Date at DAAD: December 14th, 2018



Programme Objectives

As part of the “In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme” DAAD in close collaboration with the GIZ assisted programme “Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)” is able to offer scholarships for postgraduate studies within the Network of Excellence for Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)". The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) within the framework of the special initiative “One World – No Hunger”.

NELGA is a partnership of leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance. Currently NELGA has more than 50 partner institutions across Africa. Its overall objective is to promote good land governance by strengthening human and institutional capacities for the implementation of sustainable and development-oriented land policy in Africa.

The target group for scholarships are graduates from Africa with a first academic degree who want to pursue a Master's course in their home country (so called In-Country scholarships) or in another African country (In-Region scholarships).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with PLAAS by offering up to 3 scholarships for Master studies at PLAAS for the intake 2019.

Application Requirements

Applicants

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree with above average results (upper fourth of class)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent resident of an African country
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector

Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

Scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted. All further information will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

Eligible Fields

The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to land governance.

The scholarships at PLAAS are available for the following Master courses:

- *Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies*

Place of Tenure

University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

Duration and Commencement

The duration of the Master programme is two years, generally starting in **February 2019**.

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps. Please be aware of the two application deadlines.

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at PLAAS using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. PLAAS has set its own deadlines.

PLAAS will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and short-list the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will also

be availed to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain preferably triple (at least double) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Second step:

PLAAS will provide the shortlisted candidates with the link to the DAAD-Portal. Only the pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit an DAAD application. **DAAD Deadline: 14/12/2018**

Documents to be submitted:

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- Recommendation letter by university teachers (Master: 1)
- Letter of admission for the host university / institution / network
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation
- Copy of the passport

Scholarship Funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition fees	annually	<i>the regularly charged amount</i>
Study and research allowance	annually	460 EUR
Printing allowance	once at the end	400 EUR
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	In-Country: 400 EUR In-Region: 450 EUR
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	twice (beginning/ end of scholarship)	The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award
Insurance	upon request	Standard tariff; if applicable an equivalent of 69 EUR per month, refund upon request and presentation of an original receipt of payment

The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

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