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I. GERMAN POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2009/2010

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers scholarships for post-graduate studies and research to Thai nationals for the academic year 2009/2010. Applicants must be academic staff members of universities or research institutes.

The scholarships are available in every academic field. Applicants must be under 32 years of age on 1 April 2009. They must have a Master's Degree and marks well above average.

Applicants from the field of medicine (especially visiting doctors planning to practice temporarily) must submit evidence of a medical science degree, a registered license to practice medicine in Thailand („approbation“) and a certificate of proficiency. Applicants from the field of dentistry should have 1- 2 years experience in their work. Age limit for medical scientists is 34 on 1 April 2009.

The Embassy wishes to emphasize that applicants ought to attend intensive German language courses, e. g. at the German Cultural Institute (Goethe-Institut) prior to their departure.

The scholarship, which is extendible to several academic years, includes a monthly allowance varying from Euro 715.--to 975.--(approx. Baht 35,000.--to 48,000.--) plus tuition fees, etc., in accordance with the applicant's academic standing. Furthermore, travel expenses to and from Germany, an allowance for German health insurance coverage, as well as initial allowances for clothing and books will be paid by DAAD.

Application forms for these scholarships are available at www.bangkok.diplo.de.

Applicants are requested to submit their application forms and final academic records, **copies of which must be certified by the official authority**, not later than

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between 9 a.m. and 12 a.m. daily except weekends, at the Press and Cultural Section of the German Embassy. Inquiries can be directed to the Embassy as well as to the DAAD lecturers at some Thai universities.

II. „SANDWICH-SYSTEM“

DAAD-scholarships for doctoral research under joint supervision

- General Information -

In addition to its traditional programmes DAAD established a new scholarship programme for doctoral research under joint academic supervision.

The „Sandwich-System“ - a joint supervision research model – is a flexible scholarship system providing financial assistance for doctoral research in Germany as well as mutual visits by the academic supervisors. The final doctoral examination takes place in the candidate's home country.

Advantages of the Sandwich-System

The Sandwich-System is the result of DAAD's evaluation of some serious difficulties that students from foreign countries encounter if they want to earn a doctorate from a German university. The advantages of the new scholarship system are already obvious after an initial phase of trial:

- the dissertation research can be planned in accordance with the actual national or regional development needs in the candidate's home country;
- the problems of the young doctor's reintegration upon return to their home university and country are minimized;
- the joint supervision model can strengthen the Ph.D.-programme at the candidate's home university as well as international scientific co-operation;
- the candidates don't have to cancel any affiliation that they have with their home institutions;
- the periods of research in Germany (dates and duration) can be arranged in accordance with the candidate's academic work duties at home;
- the time necessary to obtain the degree can be shortened considerably;
- language problems are minimized.

DAAD strongly suggests that students who are planning to pursue post graduate research in Germany look into the possibility of arranging their research within the framework of the Sandwich-System.

Procedure

1. As a first step the appropriate and competent supervisors (a professor at the doctoral candidate's home university and a professor at a German university) have to be identified. If necessary the advice and help of DAAD should be requested.
2. The two supervisors and the candidate work out a detailed plan of research for the candidate's dissertation. The research plan must include a precise schedule for both the preliminary work to be done in the candidate's home country and the research work to be pursued in Germany. This schedule should cover at least two years.
3. The doctoral candidate applies for a DAAD-scholarship through the German Embassy.
4. Upon completion of the preliminary research work in the candidate's home country the candidate travels to Germany and starts his/her research work with the German supervisor. Prior to the actual research work enrollment in a German language course might be necessary.
5. The candidate's supervisor at his home university may come to Germany for a short consultation visit.
6. Upon completion of the research work in Germany the candidate returns to his/her home university, completes the dissertation and takes the final examination. The German supervisor may participate in the final examination.

Requirements

Doctoral candidates who apply for a DAAD-scholarship within the framework of the Sandwich-System must fulfill the following requirements:

- candidates must hold an M.A. or M.Sc. or its equivalent and must be affiliated with a university in their home country;
- candidates must be engaged in research that is relevant to the development of their home country;
- candidates must be under 36 years of age on April 1st, 2009;
- the university in the candidate's home country has to finance the cost of the candidate's research in his/her country, including research equipment and material, transport and cost of living. The faculty concerned must therefore confirm in writing that it is prepared to cover any such expenses.

The financial terms of the scholarship are the same as those listed under I.

The following DAAD scholarships programmes are currently open to Thai applicants.

III. RESEARCH STAYS FOR UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS AND SCIENTISTS (1-3 months)

IV. STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LAW STUDENTS

This scholarship programme only awards for young university teacher who are appropriately involved in the Law Department at their university.

V. RE-INVITATION PROGRAMMES FOR FORMER DAAD SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

VI. SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE TSUNAMI REGION

The DAAD offers special scholarships for carrying out study and research projects in all areas of crisis management and disaster prevention, such as the earth sciences/geosciences, ecology, medicine, crisis and conflict research, engineering, etc.

Applications may be submitted for the following scholarship programme:

- Research stays for university teachers and researchers (14-90 days)

Application deadline: 15 October 2008