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"Modern Applications of Biotechnology"

Research Grants for German and Foreign Postdoctoral Students 2008 / 2009

The scholarship programme "Modern Applications of Biotechnology – CEE" is run by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) with financial support of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and offers academically especially qualified young post-doctoral students the opportunity to spend at least 6 months and up to a maximum of 24 months doing research at relevant institutes abroad.

Research Fields

The research work of the postdoctoral students should address topics of modern biotechnology with high innovation potential, such as:

- Medical biotechnology (including regeneration technologies),
- Engineering biotechnology (e.g. nanobiotechnology, biological production processes),
- Agricultural biotechnology (including biological safety research), and
- Molecular life sciences (including bioinformatics and systems biology).

Countries

The programme is open for Germans who want to do research in Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia as well as for postdoctoral students from these countries who want to join a research group in Germany.

Grants

Foreigners: Each grant provides a monthly instalment of 1,840.- euros; additional financing can be provided for a 2-month German language course.

Germans: Each monthly grant is calculated individually. It includes a base instalment, a foreign allowance and a subsidy towards the material and equipment costs. In addition, grant holders may receive married persons or child allowance payments. The flat-rate allowance for return travel (outward and home journey) depends on the host country in question and amounts to between 350.- and 700.- euros.

Application Requirements

At the time of application, foreign and German applicants are expected to have completed their doctorate/PhD within the last three years and to be able to provide proof of excellent English language proficiency (TOEFL: 550 / 213 / 80; ELTS: 5.5); German language proficiency is welcomed.

Application Papers

All application papers must be submitted in duplicate. Incomplete papers will not be processed.

- Foreign applicants should complete the form "Application for Research Grants and Study Scholarships" that can be downloaded from the following address:
<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/download/03118.de.html>.
- German applicants should use the form "Antrag auf ein Auslandsstipendium für deutsche Studierende / Graduierte / Promovierte" available from the following address:
<http://www.daad.de/ausland/de/3.7.1.html>

The following papers must be submitted together with the respective application forms:

- Curriculum vitae
- Summary of the dissertation / PhD thesis (3 pages max.)
- List of scientific publications, courses and lectures
- Description of the research project including schedule (2 pages max.)
- Copy of the doctoral/PhD certificate
- Letter of invitation from the host institute
- Two referees' reports by professors of the applicant's choice
- Proof of English language proficiency

Foreign applicants should please send their papers to the DAAD via the DAAD Warsaw Office or via the German diplomatic missions, the DAAD Information Centres or the partner organizations of the DAAD in the above-mentioned countries.

German applicants can send their papers (in duplicate) direct to Section 421 at the DAAD, after they have completed their online application.

Dates

	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3
Application deadline	31 August 2008	30 November 2008	15 March 2009
Selection decision	End October 2008	End January 2009	Mid May 2009
Start of German courses	Early January 2009	Early April 2009	Early July 2009
Grant commences (German)	Early January 2009	Early April 2009	Early July 2009
Grant commences (foreigners)	Early March 2009	Early June 2009	Early September 2009

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