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| 1. **Who can apply?**   The programme is open to highly qualified graduates with a first university degree (bachelor or equivalent) who want to actively contribute to the social and economic development of their home countries.   * It is offered both for young graduates without professional experience and for mid-career professionals, * Candidates’ most recent university degree should be obtained in the last six years prior to the application for the scholarship, * Applicants who have stayed in Germany for more than 15 months at the time of the application deadline are not considered eligible, * All Master´s courses have further additional requirements that must be fulfilled by the applicants.  1. **Scholarship Offers**  * Tuition fees waiver, * Scholarship of monthly 931€ for selected MA programmes at German institutions of higher education, * Contributions to health insurance in Germany, * Appropriate travel allowance, * Study and research grant 460€, * Monthly rent subsidy where applicable, * Allowances for spouses and/or children where applicable, * A six-month German language course in Germany prior to the course, lasting up to 6 months. Participation is mandatory.   In addition, scholarship holders are offered special tutorials at their host institutions financed by DAAD. Furthermore, the scholars are invited to participate at different networking events. | 1. **How to apply:**  * Candidates can apply for up to two preselected Master’s degrees in the scholarship programme. * Candidates apply directly to the preselected German universities of their choice in the programme. * Application procedure varies according to the university. * Check out the documents and links below for more information. * Applications must be submitted in German or English. Please indicate clearly that you are applying for the DAAD Helmut-Schmidt Programme (Master’s scholarships in Public Policy and Good Governance). * Fill in the DAAD Application form ‘Application for a research/study scholarship’ only once and make clear which study course is your first and which is your second priority. * Write a single letter of motivation for both university courses you choose, justifying your first and second priority choice. * Send the DAAD scholarship form together with the letter of motivation and accompanying required documents to the two universities of your choice. Do NOT send it to DAAD.  1. **Fields for study**   The scholarship programme is open to graduates in the field of social sciences, political sciences, law, economics, public policy and administration. There must be a specific focus on the following topics in the master’s degree courses: public policy, good governance, international relations, public management, public administration, geo-governance, peace and conflict studies, development, and socio-economic policies. (Information on Master Courses attached)   1. **Closing date:**   Applications for 2023 open on **1 June 2022 and close on 31 July 2022.** All documents should reach Ms Jacky Smit and Mr Sello Tlhatlha before or on the closing date.   1. **Useful websites:**   DAAD Website: <https://www.daad.org.za/en/about-us/contact/> |
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