



In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme South East Asia

**Call for Scholarship Applications 2023
at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)**
[Scholarships for Master studies]

Funded by the
Federal Ministry for
Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Application Closing Date in the DAAD Portal
(for pre-selected candidates only):
January 6, 2023



INDIVIDUAL
FUNDING

**PROGRAMME
OBJECTIVES**

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In-Country/In-Region – AIT 2023/2024

The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in South East Asia with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development. For this purpose, scholarships for development-related Master’s or doctoral studies are awarded to individuals who plan to pursue a career in teaching and/or research at a higher education institution in South East Asia.

By training future academic and professional leaders, the programme contributes to the following **long-term impacts**:

- Qualified professionals’ involvement in the solution of development-related problems in South East Asia
- Graduates strengthening education and research in South East Asia
- Structural strengthening and regional networking of partner institutions and partner universities

To achieve these long-term impacts, the following outcomes have been formulated as programme objectives:

Programme objective 1: Graduates have qualified to take over responsible positions in their or for their region of origin

Programme objective 2: The participation of women and underprivileged groups is reinforced

Programme objective 3: Organizational, financial and personal capacities of partner institutions are strengthened

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“, DAAD offers scholarships for Master studies. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

The target group for scholarships are graduates from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, East Timor, Thailand or Vietnam with a first academic degree who want to pursue Master’s courses, either

- in their home country

(**In-Country scholarships** are aimed at students who study in their home country or in the country for which they have a residence permit.)

- or -

- in another South East Asian country

(**In-Region scholarships** are aimed at students who want to participate in a study programme in a country of their home region (here: South East Asia /outside their home country/in the country for which they do not have a residence permit)).

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with the Asian Institute of Technology by offering **up to 3 In-Country scholarships/7 In-Region scholarships for Master studies** at the Asian Institute of Technology for the intake 2023/2024.

The awarding of scholarships will be subject to the provision of funds.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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Applicants

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree with above average results;
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment;
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction;
- have generally completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application;
- must be nationals or permanent residents of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, East Timor, Thailand or Vietnam;

Female applicants, refugees with recognized refugee status and candidates from other 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 a maximum of the regular period of study upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

Please note: The Asian Institute of Technology might have additional requirements for admission to the university.

ELIGIBLE FIELDS

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

The scholarships at the Asian Institute of Technology are available in the following fields:

- Master Gender and Development Studies (GDS)
- Master Natural Resources Management (NRM)
- Master Development Planning Management and Innovation (DPMI)

PLACE OF TENURE

4 Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand

DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT

5 The duration of the Master programme is generally two years and is usually starting in August.

Please note that the maximum duration of the scholarship is based on the time that is left until the scholarship holder has reached the regular period of studies in that programme; i.e., if you apply for a DAAD scholarship starting in your second year of studies of a three-year programme, the maximum duration of the scholarship will be two years.

The standard period of study and the start date are based on the agreement between the host university and the DAAD.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

6 **The application process contains two steps. Please be aware of the DAAD application deadline for pre-selected candidates as well as the Asian Institute of Technology's deadline.**

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at the Asian Institute of Technology using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. **The deadline for applying at the Asian Institute of Technology is December 1, 2022.**

<https://ait.ac.th/financial/daad-scholarship/>

The Asian Institute of Technology 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:

The Asian Institute of Technology 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 a DAAD application.

DAAD Deadline: January 6, 2023

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

7 **Mandatory documents to be submitted (in either English or German) for the DAAD scholarship application:**

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD portal)
- Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications (if applicable).
- One recommendation letter by a university teacher
- Letter of admission for the host institution (this can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship begins if it is not available at the time of application)
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation
- Language certificate (at least IELTS 5.0 or equivalent)
- Copy of the passport
- If applicable, information on the UNHCR registration as refugee
- A semester schedule (if applicable, please add the information how and when a planned research stay in Germany would fit into the semester schedule; see “Additional benefits”)

Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for ensuring that your applications are complete. **If you do not have documents such as recommendation letter and/or letter of admission at the time of application, please mention and explain this at an appropriate place in the application.**

Please note that the scholarship only becomes effective as soon as the Admission Letter from the university is issued. This must be submitted to the DAAD portal as soon as possible and is part of a complete application (this can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship begins if it is not available before).

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

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Applications have to be submitted via the DAAD portal.

Applications submitted through other channels or to other authorities will not be considered.

The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. Central European Time (CET or CEST) on the last application day.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

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The scholarship covers:

Benefits	Pace of Payment	Amount
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Tuition Fees*	Twice a year	<i>The regularly charged amount will be covered.</i>
Study and research allowance	annually	460 EUR
Printing allowance	once towards the end of scholarship	400 EUR
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	500 EUR
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	usually twice (beginning/ end of scholarship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award.</i>
Insurance		<i>The tuition fees also include health insurance.</i>

*Please note that in some cases not all fees and costs that are mentioned on the official fee structure of the host institution can be covered by DAAD in full, e.g. if the agreement with the funding organization prevents DAAD from funding certain items in the fee structure or if items that are included in the fees are supposed to be covered through the individual scholarship benefits. DAAD will transfer the fees directly to the host institution.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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The DAAD will endeavour to transfer/pay out the first monthly payment to you as quickly as possible after your arrival/ after the beginning of your scholarship. To be able to cover the costs which arise until you receive your first scholarship payment, we recommend that you bring a financial reserve with you.

Payments generally cannot be made in advance/prior of the scholarship start date and the commencement of studies at the host institution.

Please note that the travel allowance for In-Region scholarship holders will only be transferred along with the first scholarship rate, i.e. after the arrival in the host country.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

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DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also

- a) encouraged to apply for a **short-term research stay in Germany** for 2 up to 6 months.

Please note:

- **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.
- If you would like to apply, please note that the funding period for a short-term research stay in Germany is part of the In-Country/In-Region programme and the regular study period of the programme may not be exceeded by the short-term research stay in Germany, this must be included in the regular study period of the In-Country/In-Region programme.

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

b) invited to apply for different Summer Schools in Germany (four weeks)

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme. Please note that all short-listed applicants might be asked to participate in a multi-wave monitoring survey to gather data on different academic and career development aspects. Participation is voluntary.

CONTACT AND COUNSELING

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Enquiries related to the DAAD Scholarship

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