



## Opening for DAAD Scholarships at Rips

The Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) at the University of Ghana is accepting applications for the award of the 2020/2021 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarships to pursue Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in Population Studies at RIPS.

RIPS is an important institution in Anglophone Africa for the training of population scientists and generation of high-quality research in population and related disciplines in order to provide solutions for solving development challenges in Ghana and beyond.

The DAAD scholarship will cover tuition, stipends and accommodation for one-year Master of Arts (MA) and four-year Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) students.

### Eligibility - MA

Applicants must have successfully completed generally a three-year/four-year university degree and obtained above average results (minimum of second class upper division)

- 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 a Sub-Sahara 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

Applicants must be nationals or permanent residents of a West African country (Inclusive Cameroon).

Documents to be submitted to RIPS:

- Undergraduate Certificate
- Undergraduate Transcript
- One-page motivation statement
- TOEFL score (70 and above) or IELTS score (6.0 and above) not more than two years at the time of application (if applying as national or permanent resident of Francophone/Lusophone country)

Email the filled application form with scanned copies of required documents to [daadrrips@ug.edu.gh](mailto:daadrrips@ug.edu.gh) or [daadscholarship@rips-ug.edu.gh](mailto:daadscholarship@rips-ug.edu.gh)

### Eligibility - PhD

Applicants must have successfully completed a Master's degree with a **minimum GPA of 3.0** to qualify for the PhD programme.

- 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 a Sub-Sahara 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

Applicants must be nationals or permanent residents of a West African country (Inclusive Cameroon).

Documents to be submitted to RIPS:

- Graduate and Undergraduate Certificates
- Graduate and Undergraduate Transcripts
- One-page motivation statement
- Research proposal (this must include a research background, proposed research objective(s)/question(s) and methods sections) (3-page maximum, 1.5 line spaced minimum)
- Master's degree obtained with a Master's dissertation/thesis written in English (if applying as national or permanent resident of Francophone/Lusophone country)  
OR  
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*Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme. Women and people working in population-related sectors are encouraged to apply.*

#### **The duration**

- PhD programme is generally four years
- Master programme is generally one year

**PLEASE FIND HERE THE LINK TO THE FORM FOR THE APPLICATION TO THE DAAD SCHOLARSHIP**

**[http://bit.ly/DAAD\\_SCHOLARSHIP\\_FORM](http://bit.ly/DAAD_SCHOLARSHIP_FORM)**

#### **Application process**

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

#### **First step:**

Applicants must apply for their studies at Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana. Please take note of deadlines below:

1. Candidate's application submitted to RIPS for shortlisting by **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
2. Shortlisted candidates to be notified about status by **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
3. Shortlisted candidates to submit their applications via DAAD portal by **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
4. Scholarship awardees to receive notification by **April/May 2020**
5. All shortlisted candidates are to apply to the University of Ghana for admissions when admissions open. Please check the University of Ghana website for more information at [www.ug.edu.gh](http://www.ug.edu.gh)

Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana will screen, preselect (according to DAAD selection criteria) and short-list the applicants. DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

**Second step:**

Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana will provide the shortlisted candidates with the link to the DAAD-Portal. Only the pre-selected candidates will be asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit a DAAD application.

**DAAD Deadline: 7th February 2020.**

**Documents to be uploaded on DAAD platform:**

- 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, PhD 2)
- Letter of admission for the host university / institution / network
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Copy of applicant's passport

For more details visit [www.rips-ug.edu.gh/daadscholarship](http://www.rips-ug.edu.gh/daadscholarship)