

German Egyptian Research Long-Term Scholarship to the Federal Republic of Germany “GERLS”

As an outcome of success achieved during the German-Egyptian Year of Science & Technology 2007, a cooperation agreement has been made between the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt “MHESR” and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), from funds made available by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research to create a program offering up to 100 postgraduate scholarships for Egyptian doctoral candidates.

The target group of this program comprises Egyptian researchers holding M.A. / M.Sc. degrees which should generally not be older than 3 years.

1. Background and objective

Within the framework of the long-standing cooperation between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Federal Republic of Germany; and in partial fulfillment of the MHESR and DAAD aims and objectives; as well as in consideration of the funding resources and regulations of both parties, the aforementioned parties have agreed to create the “German Egyptian Research Long Term Scholarships” (GERLS).

2. Aim and duration of doctoral studies in Germany

Each year a group of researchers will be sent to Germany for doctoral scholarships in the scientific fields and priorities agreed upon by DAAD and MEHSR.

The GERLS program will be administered by the DAAD in close cooperation with the MHESR and German universities. Generally speaking, the scholarships within this program are awarded for 12 months, subject to extension up to 42 months.

Candidates can select adequate structures PhD courses or PhD supervisors in Germany themselves in order to join the GERLS program. However, dual funding from universities offering such courses and the GERLS program are not permitted. DAAD Cairo Office and MHESR will support the candidates whenever necessary.

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Please refer to the “Guide for Applicants” for detailed information.

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The following definitions will be used throughout this sheet:

“Full Ph.D.” Scholarship:

Target: in all fields of study except the ones mentioned under Specialization.
Degree: Ph.D. will be awarded by a German university.
Duration: up to 42 months.

“Channel” Scholarship:

Target: in all fields of study except the ones mentioned under Specialization.
Degree: Ph.D. will be awarded by an Egyptian university,
Duration: up to 24 months.

“Specialization” scholarship:

Target: for the study of medicine, fine and applied arts, architecture and music
Degree: without resulting in a degree
Duration: up to 24 months.

Special case:

Applicants from the fields of **arts, music and architecture form a special case**. Their applications will undergo an additional selection in Germany. Such additional selection activities in Germany will be implemented according to the procedures of the German Specialized Arts and Music Committee and in competition with candidates from other countries. The funding of these scholarships, however, is part of the GERLS program.

For more information, please refer to the additional information sheets.

3. Time line of the program:

- **Call for application:** from 01.07.2009 till 31.10.2009
- **Pre-selection Procedures:** 15.11.2009 till 15.12.2009
- **Final selection Procedures:** January/February 2010
- **Start of Language course in Egypt:**
 - **For Channel and Specialization:** March 2010
 - **For Full PHD:** May 2010
- **First Travel Date for the start of the language course in Germany:**
 - **For Channel and Specialization:** June 2010, start of semester October 2010
 - **For Full PHD:** October 2010, start of semester April 2011
- **Kindly note that all above mentioned date are subject to change without prior notice.**

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4. Program priorities

The Program is open for all subjects; nevertheless, preference will be given to the following fields: water, renewable energies, medical sciences, material sciences, biotechnology, ICT, social sciences and humanities.

5. Application package

Candidates are encouraged to apply online using the webpage designed for the GERLS program. Hardcopy applications are also permitted in exceptional cases.

In order to apply for a GERLS scholarship, the online/hardcopy application should contain the following documents:

- 1- C.V including a complete list of publications, if available. (To be pasted or typed in the field appointed for it in the electronic application form.)
- 2- Copy of passport. (To be uploaded in the field appointed for it on the electronic application form)
- 3- A recent photo. (To be uploaded in the field appointed for it on the electronic application form)
- 4- Acceptance letter or an email from a German Professor showing that the research project under preparation is feasible and can be conducted in Germany under his supervision. The acceptance letter should state the title, time frame and objectives of the project. (To be uploaded in the field appointed for it on the electronic application form). The acceptance letter should not be elder than six months.)
- 5- Endorsement letter from the applicant's home institution. (Template of which is available on the GERLS site.) A signed and stamped template or any other letter offered by the applicant's institution is acceptable.
Please upload copy of signed and stamped letter in the field appointed for it in the electronic application form.)
- 6- Statement of employment history (بيان حالة) issued from the applicants' institution. Please upload copy of signed and stamped letter in the field appointed for it in the electronic application form.)

Applicants will be able to retrieve their pre-selection result via the website on the date indicated in the time line. The pre-selection results will be announced on the following Website:

<http://www.mhesr-initiatives.org/gerls/>
<http://cairo.daad.de>

Please check the electronic application for more details.

Please note that incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will not be considered.

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6. Selection of the candidates

The candidates will be selected in two rounds. First, a pre-selection procedure will identify the group of applicants to be invited for the second phase consisting of a personal interview with the GERLS bi-national independent selection committee. Pre- and final selection of the candidates should be conducted according to, but not limited to following criteria:

- Excellent study achievement.
- Good command of languages: English language command is required, while German language command is a plus.
- Scientific merits, including:
 - A -Quality of the proposal
 - B -The benefit to Egypt
 - C -Preparation and feasibility of the project
 - D -Quality of the acceptance letter

7. Stipend:

The GERLS scholarship includes:

- A monthly basic stipend of 1000 Euros for a Ph.D. candidate, plus individual surcharges and standard annual allowances.
- A monthly family allowance if applicable.
- An allowance for health insurance will be granted.
- German language course and cultural preparation course.

Such amounts are subject to change and will always be adapted according to the general regulations for DAAD scholarships.

8. German language courses

Each scholarship holder is entitled to receive German language and intercultural training, partly in Egypt and in Germany (up to two months of German language courses in Egypt followed by a course of up to six months in Germany) at a suitable institution before the beginning of study.

A) Funding during the language course in Egypt includes:

- A per diem of 30 EGP (100 EGP for scholarship-holders from outside Greater Cairo area) per course day. Scholarship-holders are expected to manage their accommodation in Cairo by themselves.

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B) Funding during the language course in Germany includes:

- The costs of accommodation.
- The costs of health, accident and liability insurances.
- Travel allowance from the language center to the host institution or university at the end of the language course in Germany.
- The return costs from the language course location to the host university or institution for a preparatory visit may be paid.

An incomplete application is the responsibility of the applicant.

This info sheet is also available on the following websites:

<http://www.frcu.eun.eg/scu/eng/Higher-Education.htm>

<http://www.mhesr-initiatives.org/gerls/>

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