

German Egyptian Research Long-Term Scholarship “GERLS”

Channel-System

Since the Channel-System has developed into one of the most successful programs, the Egyptian and the German side agree that the doctorate research pursued within the special channel-arrangements should serve both the professional career of the individual candidate and the development of the Egyptian universities and society.

Advantages of the Channel-System

The joint supervision of doctorate research widens the scale of Egyptian - German scientific cooperation and strengthens the Ph.D. programs at Egyptian universities.

- By keeping the candidate’s work closely connected with and integrated into their home universities, reintegration problems or “brain drain” can be avoided or at least minimized.
- Research projects can be tailored to the actual scientific, technical and economic needs of the Egyptian society.
- The advantages and disadvantages of the university and research system in both countries can be compared and used to the benefit of both sides.
- The time period necessary to obtain the Ph.D. degree can be shortened as the problems connected with the adequate recognition of degrees do not occur.
- The involvement into and experience with a different culture is still guaranteed.

Procedure

1. Upon identification of the appropriate German and Egyptian supervisor (professor at any Egyptian or German university), both sides work out a detailed plan of research for the candidate’s dissertation. For this purpose, the German professor may visit his Egyptian counterpart and the candidate at their home university.

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2. The doctoral research in Germany must concentrate on topics relevant for the development of Egypt.
3. The candidate registers for the Channel-Program at any Egyptian university, then applies for the GERLS-scholarship within the regular procedure and enrolls in a 2-month German language course in Egypt.
4. Upon the award of the scholarship, the candidate travels to Germany and attends a language course (up to 4 months) at a suitable institution before the beginning of the research project.
5. After the language training, the candidate starts his doctoral research with his Germany supervisor. The stay and research work in Germany may last one to two years. During the candidate's stay in Germany, the Egyptian supervisor may visit his German counterpart and the candidate at the German university.
6. Upon completion of the research work in Germany, the candidate returns to Egypt in order to complete the dissertation and take his final examination. The German supervisor may participate in the final examinations.

Requirements

Doctorate candidates for a GERLS-scholarship within the framework of the Channel-System must fulfill the following requirements:

- Candidates must hold a M.A. or M.Sc. degree.
- Candidates must be registered for a Ph.D. program at their home universities.

In connection with the scholarship, GERLS program provides financial assistance (living expenses) for the Egyptian supervisor to visit Germany, and a lump sum for international travel expenses (flight) for the German supervisor to visit Egypt (if necessary two times i.e. to discuss the scholarship holder's research with the Egyptian counterpart prior to the beginning of the scholarship and to participate in the Ph. D. examination in Egypt following up the scholarship).

This info sheet is also available on the following websites:

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

<http://cairo.daad.de>

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