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Helmholtz - DAAD Fellowships

General Principles

The special programme jointly run by the Helmholtz Association and the DAAD is intended for highly-qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students. Helmholtz-DAAD Fellowships offer excellent young scientists and researchers from all around the world the opportunity to do research at a Helmholtz Centre in Germany.

The Helmholtz Association is Germany's largest research organisation with an annual budget of around 2.2 billion euros and 24,000 staff concentrated in 15 research centres. The Helmholtz Association works on solving the grand challenges which face society, science and industry and concentrates on researching systems of great complexity in the following six research fields:

Earth and Environment
Energy
Health
Key Technologies
Structure of Matter
Transport and Space

Helmholtz-DAAD Fellows carry out research in one of these fields and use the outstanding scientific infrastructure which the Helmholtz Centres maintain.

Helmholtz-DAAD Fellowships are awarded just once a year. The respective offer will be published usually in September under "Current Offer" on the homepages of the DAAD and the Helmholtz-Association. Please note that the number and subjects of the fellowships in the Research Fields offered by the Helmholtz Centres might differ from call to call for application.

Fellowship Types and Terms

Type	Target Group	Fellowship Goal	Funding Term
A	Doctoral Students	Doctorate in Germany	36 months
B	Postdoctoral Students	Research in Germany	12 to 24 months

Fellowships are always awarded for the length of the research stay in Germany. The host Helmholtz Centre and the fellow agree the length of this term.

Fellowship Value

Type	Monthly Instalment	Possible Additional Payments
Type A	Min. 975 euros	e.g. travel expenses subsidy, health insurance, family allowances
Type B	1,840 euros	none

Application Requirements

At the time of their application, applicants for a Helmholtz-DAAD Fellowship must

1. be able to prove their excellent study or research achievements,
2. have completed their studies or research with a university degree for Type A or with a doctorate/PhD/Candidate (Russia) for Type B,
3. have an excellent knowledge of English, proven through submission of appropriate language certificates (e.g. TOEFL: 550/217); knowledge of German is welcome,
4. in general be not older than 32 years (Type A) or have completed their doctorate in the last two years (Type B).

Special note for applicants from the field of medicine: A university degree is considered equivalent to the German medical practice licence, the Approbation – that is proof of at least seven years of medical training and the licence to practise medicine in the home country.

Application Papers

Applicants are expected to submit the complete "Application for a Helmholtz-DAAD Fellowship 2005/2006". Accompanying documents are listed in the Special Application Form (see below).

Applicants are not required to submit any confirmation of academic supervision.

Applications may only be submitted to the DAAD Regional Offices or to the relevant diplomatic and consular missions of the Federal Republic of Germany. Direct applications to the Head Offices of the DAAD or the Helmholtz Association in Bonn, or to the Helmholtz Centres will not be accepted. The DAAD regrets that it cannot consider incomplete applications.

Closing date for applications:

1. December 2006

Current Offer

Special Application Form