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German Egyptian Research Short Term Scholarships GERSS

In the context of the German Egyptian Year of Science & Technology 2007, a Cooperation Agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, Bonn (DAAD) in order to finance short term scholarships for young Egyptian Scientists to travel to Germany

The target groups of the program are researchers enrolled in MSc, PhD programs and young Post Doctoral candidates. The scholarships may be awarded for a period from three to six months.

1. Purpose:

Each year a group of researchers will be sent to Germany for Masters, Doctoral and Post doctoral studies in the fields agreed upon by both parties. The distribution of the monthly units will be defined by a bi-national independent selection committee according to the proposals presented by the candidates. This distribution may change annually if both parties agree. The number of months granted for each candidate should not exceed six months and should not be less than three months. Scholarships are not extendable.

The scholarship shall enable advanced graduate students to pursue part of their Masters, Doctoral or Post Doctoral research by enabling them to carry out a specific research project at German universities, archives, libraries or research institutes.

2. Eligibility:

- Applicants must be currently affiliated with an Egyptian university or an Egyptian Research Institute.
- Applicants should not have been granted DAAD or MHESR grants within the past three years.
- Graduates: shouldn't be older than 26 years
- PhD candidates: shouldn't exceed 36 years. However priority will be given to young scientists.
- Post doc candidates shouldn't be older than 40 years.

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Final selection of the candidates will be based on:

- Excellent Research proposal
- Study Achievements
- Good command of English (preference will be given to holders of TOEFL (minimum of 550 points paper based, 213 points computer-based, 79-80 internet based) or IELTS (band6) certificate.) Knowledge of the German Language is a plus
- Type of Study / research visit
(Candidates in medical science can only be supported if they intend to visit Germany for research purposes due to the complicated procedure regarding the medical license).
- Number of years passed since the last higher degree.

Candidates must participate in the German language Course which will be prepared in cooperation with the Goethe Institute in Egypt.

On a general basis, priority will be given to the following fields without excluding any other fields: water, renewable energies, medical sciences, material sciences, biotechnology, social sciences and humanities.

3. Stipend:

- Post Doctoral scholarship holders will be granted an amount of Euro 1951 (one thousand nine hundred fifty one Euros) per month.
- Doctoral scholarship holders will be granted an amount of EUR 1058 (one thousand and fifty eight Euros) per month.
- Additionally a lump sum of 525 Euro will be granted as a travel allowance.

Insurance amounts covering health, accident and liability insurance will be deducted from the monthly stipend of each scholarship holder.

4. Application procedure:

Pre-selection application forms can be filled out electronically as of the **15th of October** and prior to the **30th of November** (Autumn Call) and as of the **15th of March** and prior to the **30th April** (Spring Call) on the GERSS Website <http://www.mhesr-initiatives.org/gerss>. Applications received after the deadlines and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants will be informed about the **pre-selection result** by email through the Cairo Office of the DAAD no earlier than four weeks after the deadline. The pre-selection results

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will be also published on the GERSS Website <http://www.mhesr-initiatives.org/gerss> as well as the DAAD Website <http://cairo.daad.de>

Applicants of the Autumn Call will be informed about the **final result** no earlier than February/March; for this reason, they should not plan to travel to Germany before April. Applicants of the Spring Call will be informed about the final results no earlier than August/September; therefore they should not plan to travel to Germany before November.

The latest travel date for the Autumn Call as well as for the Spring Call will be stated in the award letter.

Applicants will be informed about the committee's decision by email through the Cairo Office of the DAAD. (Please do not neglect to provide us with your updated contacts on the application). The results will be also published on the GERSS Website <http://www.mhesr-initiatives.org/gerss> as well as the DAAD Website <http://cairo.daad.de> Decisions are made by the bi-national selection committee.

A complete application consists of the joint electronic application form for which you need to prepare the following:

1. A complete list of publications, if available. (to be pasted or typed in the field appointed for it in the electronic application form)
2. An acceptance letter from the German Professor (or copies of the correspondence with the German Professor) showing that the research or studies are feasible and can be conducted in Germany. The Acceptance letter should state the **title, time frame and objectives of the projects**. (to be uploaded in the field appointed for it on the electronic application form.)
3. Endorsement letter from the home university or research institute. (Template of which is available on the GERSS website, to be printed, filled out and uploaded in the field appointed for it in the electronic application form.)
4. بيان الحالة issued from the home university or institute. (to be uploaded in the field appointed for it in the electronic application form).
5. Two letters of recommendation from two different professors at the applicant's home university; these should refer to the candidate's academic achievements and the quality of the proposed research or study plan. (Template can be downloaded from the GERSS Website <http://www.mhesr-initiatives.org/cofi/>). The recommendation letters should be filled out and sent in a sealed envelope to the DAAD Cairo Office 11 El Saleh Ayoub St. Zamalek, Attention Ms. Heba Afifi)

Please check the electronic application for more details

Please note:

There are no quotas for individual institutions or disciplines. Final selections will be based on interviews three months prior to the commencement of travel. Exact date will be defined

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later. The interview will take place at the premises of the DAAD Cairo Office; reasons for the decision taken by the bi-national selection committee cannot be given.

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/parown/>

<http://www.mohe-casm.edu.eg>

<http://www.estp.sci.eg>

<http://cairo.daad.de>

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