Grant to study German in Germany

What: Summer School

Where: Germany

When: Summer 2018
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Every year during the summer months, a number of German universities offer a broad range of three- to four-week language courses which focus on literary, cultural, political and economic aspects of contemporary Germany. Extra-curricular activities complement the core material.

This scholarship programme aims to help students and graduates improve their knowledge of German (general language, special language) and their cultural knowledge of the country.

These scholarships provide funding to foreign students who wish to attend language and regional studies courses, offered by state and state-recognised German universities. The courses consist of at least 3 and maximum 5 weeks of instruction with at least 25 hours of instruction per week. Taught in German, the courses are offered at German universities in the summer months during the lecture-free period (starting no earlier than the end of May).

Website: CLICK HERE

Available courses

You can choose any summer school from this LIST. Please note that only the courses that have a blue star next to them are eligible for DAAD HSK-funding (on the scholarship/course database you can tick the "Language Course" tick-box under "Type", and the first tick-box under “Additional Features” for a full list).

Eligibility criteria

- From applicants of the UK and Ireland we expect that they can proof a language level of A2 at the time of application.
- Applicants which are in their first year of study are also able to apply. Those applicants additionally have to proof that they took the necessary German courses (Course certificate or similar) to achieve the required language level at the beginning of their scholarship.
- The grant holder must be at least 18 years old when he/she starts the funded stay.
- Applicants must be registered at a university in their home country or in the country they are currently studying in (except Germany) at the time their funded stay begins.
- An applicant may only be considered once in any three consecutive years for a DAAD Intensive Language Course or University Summer Course Grant.
- It is not possible to apply simultaneously for an Intensive Language Course and University Summer Course Grant.

Language skills

- Applicants must be able to follow lectures in German and collaborate in teams.
- Proof of German language skills must be provided with the application.
- The language certificate for the required minimum language should be no more than one year old. Language certificates from B2 or TDN4 in all examined sections may be older than one year.
- The following language certificates can be accepted: onDaF, TestDaF, GI-Nachweis, DSD, DSH, telc Deutsch, ÖSD.
- In principle, applicants must provide proof of a minimum language level of A2.

Dates

Most summer schools will run during summer 2018.

How much

The grant awarded is €850 and is intended as a contribution to the course fees and living expenses for a 3-to-4-week summer course. Travel grants are not available.
Course fees and accommodation expenses are usually deducted directly from scholarship payments by the language course provider so that the grant holder is possibly paid only the difference to the full amount of the scholarship by the course provider.

The above mentioned payments (including travel allowance) will not be transferred abroad.

**Deadlines**

1st December 2017

**Ready to apply?**

1. Read details about the application procedure [HERE](#).
2. You have to submit an online application via [DAAD portal](#). You have to do this before the deadline on 1st December 2017.
3. Submit the application summary as well as all your accompanying documents to me (e-mail me scanned copies of everything to nciofu@essex.ac.uk). I will then forward the hard copy to the DAAD London office. Do this before the deadline please. You don’t have to send any copies directly to DAAD as we will do this for you. You have to do this before the deadline on 1st of December.
4. What documents you need to submit:
   a. Online application form
   b. CV and Motivation letter (both in German – see attached example)
   c. your transcript of studies
   d. language certificate or proof language
   e. copies of A level certificates (or international equivalent with explanation of the grading system. e.g. 1=highest, 5=lowest etc.) – this is not listed on the website but it’s a requirement
   f. reference letter from a University teacher (perhaps one who is teaching German)
5. Incomplete or late applications cannot be accepted.
6. Please note these placements are very popular and you have to submit a strong application. Check out our ‘How to write a killer personal statement for your international experience’ leaflet for excellent tips!
7. Reasons for rejected applications in the past were:
   a. Missing A Levels
   b. Missing signatures (particularly on the front sheet)
   c. Missing Transcript
   d. Missing Letter of Recommendation
   e. Missing Language Certificate (or explanation that you speak German)

**Want more info?**

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