

FAQS ON THE DAAD PRIZE AT HOCHSCHULE DÜSSELDORF – UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

What is the DAAD Prize?

Each year, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD – Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) makes available funds from the Federal Foreign Office for the DAAD Prize for excellent achievements by foreign students at German universities. HSD applies to the DAAD every year for this funding.

The award is fixed at **€1.000**.

The aim of the prize is to acknowledge foreign students who have excelled through outstanding academic achievements as well as social and intercultural work.

Who is eligible for a DAAD Prize?

Foreign nationals who:

- have completed their school education outside Germany and are enrolled at a German university (not visiting or exchange students)
- are at an advanced stage of their bachelor's programme (at least the second or third year of study) or their master's programme (at least the second semester)
- have a good academic record
- have carried out social or intercultural work

New graduates can also be nominated, i. e. university graduates who have gained or will gain their bachelor's or master's degree up to three months prior to the award ceremony (which will probably take place in the middle of November).

The prize cannot be shared amongst several students.

Are foreign nationals with a German school education eligible for the DAAD Prize?

No. This prize is intended solely for foreign nationals who have completed their school education outside Germany, i.e. students of foreign nationality who have obtained their higher education entrance qualification abroad.

What is the time frame for new graduates?

The graduate should have attained their bachelor's or master's degree at HSD no more than three months prior to the award ceremony (which will probably take place in the middle of November).

May prize winners receive funding from a German organisation?

Yes. However, one of the objectives of the prize is to reward those students who master their studies successfully by themselves.

May candidates be considered for the DAAD Prize who receive funding from a foundation or a company?

Yes. We have no objection to a candidate receiving funding from a company or a foundation.

Can prize winners who have already left Germany be awarded the DAAD Prize? Can the DAAD Prize be awarded abroad?

No. The DAAD Prize is intended for foreign students who are enrolled at a university in Germany and are studying here.

Can the prize be awarded for an outstanding doctorate?

No. The DAAD Prize is not a research prize.

Can the prize be awarded to the same person more than once?

No, the prize can only be awarded once.

Can foreign students apply directly to HSD for the DAAD Prize?

No, this is not the DAAD's preferred procedure. Lecturers, other staff and fellow students can submit proposals for suitable candidates to the International Office.

When is the closing date for proposals?

Proposals must be submitted to HSD's International Office by **30 June** each year.

Who selects the prize winner?

The International Office makes an initial selection based on the applications submitted. This is reviewed by the President's Office, which then names the prize winner.

How and when is the prize awarded?

The prize is awarded in the framework of HSD's award ceremony for scholarship holders in November.

What application documents are required?

A full application includes:

- application form
- current CV
- Certificate of Enrolment
- current Transcript of Records with indication of the current GPA
- appraisal by a university lecturer
- evidence of social or intercultural work
- copy of your passport (only the page with your personal data)

To which address should applications and proposals be sent?

Hochschule Düsseldorf – University of Applied Sciences
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Who is the contact person for questions about the DAAD Prize?

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