

Scholarships for the German-Arab Master's Course
„Integrated Urbanism and Sustainable Design (IUSD)“
University of Stuttgart / Ain Shams University Cairo
Start: September 2013

What are the goals of the programme?

This master's course is designed with an interdisciplinary and integrative approach, not only addressing questions related to ecological city management and energy efficient construction but also taking the economic, political and cultural dimensions of the Arabic-Islamic cultural area into consideration. For this reason, comprehensive political and socio-cultural relations are components of the course alongside the technical subject matter. The university modules will be supplemented both methodologically and in content by preparatory Arabic or German language courses, modules for intercultural training, inter-semester summer schools and interdisciplinary workshops on various topics. The programme stretches over 25 months, the first two semesters are spent in Stuttgart, the third and fourth in Cairo. In the fourth semester a field research in a MENA country is scheduled. The course is held in English. Successful completion of the course results in a Master's degree of each University.

Who can apply?

Applications are open to participants from Germany, Egypt and the MENA countries Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

Target Group

The target group of this master's programme are **young professionals from the fields of Architecture, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, Regional Planning and Civil Engineering** who ideally already have some work experience. Bachelor degrees in Geography, Urban Sociology, Sociology and Cultural Studies, Political Sciences or Economics with relevant professional experience are also accepted.

A total of 30 scholarships are available: 10 for Egyptian students, 10 for students from the above mentioned MENA countries and 10 for German students.

What is funded?

The programme is jointly sponsored by the DAAD (with resources from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE).

German scholarship recipients are awarded a partial scholarship to the amount of € 800 per person and month during the **study phases abroad**, plus a lump-sum allowance for flight expenses, as well as study and research subsidies and a health, accident, and liability insurance.

Arabic scholarship recipients are awarded a full scholarship to the amount of € 750 per person and month during the study phase in Germany and € 700 (MENA-country students) / € 600 (Egyptian students) during the study phase in Egypt, plus a lump-sum allowance for flight expenses, as well as study and research subsidies and a health, accident, and liability insurance.

Application

List of the **required documents**:

- DAAD application form "**Application for Research Grants and Study Scholarships**" (http://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf);
- Application form for the course;
- **Hand-signed** CV (please use the europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>);
- **Hand-signed** letter of motivation (with reference to current occupation) with precise description of the academic/professional and personal reasons for wishing to participate in this programme;
- 2 recommendation letters (e.g. academic letter/s from your university or professional letters from your former or current employer; the letter must have a signature and office stamp and must be of recent date);
- Proof of language abilities in English (e.g. TOEFL or IELTS or comparable) and if applicable German or Arabic;
- Certified copies of awarded academic degrees, of academic transcripts and School Leaving Certificate;
- Explanation of the grading system;
- Copy of passport

The application has to be in English. **Applications that are not complete will be excluded from the selection procedure.**

Selection

A selection committee consisting of professors of the course and representatives of the DAAD will nominate the candidates for a scholarship.

Aside from the study achievements and the academic quality of the applicant, the most important selection criterion will be a convincing presentation of his/her professional and personal motivation for participating in this programme, including the expected benefits after returning to the home country and/or the expected contribution towards German-Arab cooperation.

The bachelor's degree should not be more than 6 years old. Arab candidates who have already been in Germany for more than 15 months at the time they apply cannot be considered for a scholarship.

Deadline for applications

Applications will be accepted **until January 31st 2013** and must be sent digitally and as a hard copy directly to the programme at the University of Stuttgart.

Contact and further information

For more information regarding the programme and application, please visit the programme website: www.iusd.uni-stuttgart.de
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