DAAD Helmut Schmidt Scholarship

Required Documents Checklist | scholarship.ac.pk

Before you start

The 2027 round closed on 31 July 2026. The next round is not announced yet. Use this checklist to prepare your file now, so you can submit in the first week when the next round opens. Apply to the university course, never to DAAD. You may apply to at most two of the seven courses, with one motivation letter.

Tick each item off as you prepare it

- [ ] DAAD checklist, ticked off and signed by hand, with place and date
- [ ] DAAD application form, completed once, naming your chosen course or courses
- [ ] One motivation letter, maximum two pages, dated, ranking your first and second choice courses with reasons
- [ ] Europass CV, reverse chronological order, dated, every gap of three months or more explained
- [ ] Degree certificates, clearly legible, with a certified translation if not in English or German
- [ ] Full transcript of records with an explanation of the grading system, certified translation if needed
- [ ] Confirmations of relevant experience, internships, political activity or community service, on headed paper, with an original or code certified digital signature, date and stamp
- [ ] Proof of English language skills, meeting your chosen course’s own requirement
- [ ] Current written reference from your employer, or from a university lecturer only if you are a student at present, on headed paper, with an original or code certified digital signature, date and stamp
- [ ] No APS certificate needed for Pakistan. APS is asked only from applicants from India and China

Key facts to remember

Stipend: 992 euros a month, plus health insurance, travel allowances, a study and research grant, rent subsidy and family supplements where they apply. Tuition is exempt. Social Protection students receive 500 euros a month in the fourth semester, the mandatory online semester at home.
Degree rule: last degree no more than six years old at the time of application. Grades in the upper third. More than 15 months in a country not on the DAC list means you are not eligible.

German course: up to four months in Germany before your studies, mandatory. All seven courses are taught in English.

The seven courses

1. Social Protection, University of Applied Sciences Bonn-Rhein-Sieg
2. Development and Governance, University of Duisburg-Essen
3. Public Policy, Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Erfurt
4. Peace and Conflict Studies, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg
5. Management in Nonprofit Organisations, Univ. of Applied Sciences Osnabrueck
6. Development Studies, University of Passau
7. Governance and Public Policy, University of Passau

Official programme page: daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/scholarships/daad-funding-programmes/helmut-schmidt-programme/
Facts checked 12 November 2026 from the DAAD 2027 announcement (May 2026) and the DAAD course information document (March 2026). Confirm the next round on the official DAAD page before you apply. scholarship.ac.pk