

Who can apply?

Candidates from all countries of Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus of Catholic denomination (in exceptional cases also of another Christian denomination, provided they are proposed by Catholic partners).

Who do we support?

- Postgraduates with a Bachelor's degree who wish to pursue a Master's degree at a German university (max. 24 months). Tuition fees for fee-based Master's programs can be funded in justified exceptional cases.
- Young academics who are pursuing a PhD with a degree in Germany (max. 36 months).
- Young academics who are working on a PhD or a Postdoc (e.g. Habilitation) in their home country and are planning a research stay in Germany (up to 12 months).
- Postgraduates who, after having completed their examinations in their home country, are planning a research stay or in-depth studies in Germany or are planning postgraduate or additional studies (this also applies to advanced trainings for medical professionals).
- University teachers who are planning a research stay (up to 6 months) in Germany.
- Students of master's programs who are planning a study visit (up to 6 months) to collect material at a German university.

Scholarships are granted for all study fields (apart from theological studies - in this case please contact Renovabis: www.renovabis.de).

What do we expect?

- Above average achievements in studies or research.
- The studies or research must be aimed at permanent reintegration in the home region (otherwise the scholarship will be considered as a loan).
- Ecclesiastical and social commitment or willingness to engage in interreligious dialogue.
- German language skills of B1-level (or at least A2-level in the case of study programs in English language) for participation in our mandatory educational program. Preparatory German courses in the home country are expected. In addition, there is the possibility to apply for a language course (full-time or study-accompanying).

What is the application procedure?

KAAD has a two-step application procedure. Interested students fill out the questionnaire on our homepage: www.kaad.de/stipendien/osteuropaprogramm/

In case you are eligible for the second stage of the application process, you will receive the full package of application materials. The yearly application deadlines for the second stage are **January 15th** (for scholarships awarded in March) or **June 30th** (for scholarships awarded in September).

Please apply on time!