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Call for Scholarship Applications 2022
PhD Scholarship Opportunities in
PhD Mechanical Engineering and PhD Information Technology

JKUAT and DAAD wish to announce PhD Scholarship Opportunities in PhD Mechanical Engineering and PhD Information Technology for 2021/2022 in the JKUAT Main Campus. Below are the steps to follow in order to be considered for the scholarships.

First step

Applicants must apply for the scholarship via the DAAD portal. Applicants are asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit a DAAD application. **DAAD Deadline: 15th December 2021.**

Parallel to this process, applicants must at the same time apply for admission at JKUAT using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institutions. **JKUAT Deadline: 15th December 2021.**

Please inform yourself about the respective admission processes at the host institution. Only complete applications made to both the DAAD and to JKUAT will be reviewed. Please note: In some countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, a document from the Qualifications Authority for previous studies undertaken outside the respective country must be submitted for admission to the universities (e.g. Accreditation from the Commission for University Education in Kenya). Please note that the application for these documents may take long and that it is the applicant's responsibility to get informed at an early stage in order to receive the documents from the respective authorities in time.

DAAD will conduct a formal examination of the applications received via the DAAD portal according to DAAD criteria. Plagiarism scanning of the PhD proposals submitted will also be done by the DAAD.

Only the list of applicants who meet the DAAD application requirements and JKUAT admission criteria will be eligible for the scholarship.

Second Step:

JKUAT will screen, pre-select and shortlist the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will be availed to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain preferably triple (at least double) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution. Applicants who pass the host institutions pre-selection and DAADs formal checks are invited to an online interview. A selection committee assesses the applicant's aptitude based on the provided documents and the performance in the interview. In addition to the applicant's academic merit, extracurricular activities, motivation and the general fit for the programme, the selection committee will consider impediments described by the applicant in the DAAD application form in the assessment.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Application documents

Mandatory documents to be submitted (in either English or German) for the DAAD scholarship application:

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- 2 recommendation letters by university teachers/lecturers (this can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship begins if it is not available at the time of application due to the COVID 19 pandemic (Exception is valid only for the year 2021))
- Letter of admission from the host university (this can be subsequently submitted before the scholarship begins if it is not available at the time of application)
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts (if available, including a grading scale for the final university grade)
- Letter of motivation
- Copy of the passport (if applicable) or National Identification Card
- If available, information on the recognition of the university degree certificates in the host country
- If applicable, information on the UNHCR registration as refugee
- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor or a commitment letter from the host institution that a supervisor will be assigned
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal (8-10 pages), including detailed work and timetable (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see "Additional benefits")
- Additionally, a Word format of the proposal must be submitted via email to lasmothey@daad.de for plagiarism check.
- Please note that a detailed and comprehensive proposal is necessary for the assessment. Concept notes will not be accepted.
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)

Optional:

- Additional documents that might be relevant for your application (e.g. proof of internships, proof of employment).

Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. You are responsible for ensuring that your applications are complete.

To be eligible for consideration by JKUAT for the DAAD scholarships, applicants must first be admissible to the respective JKUAT PhDs, which are offered in the Main Campus. Applicants interested in the DAAD scholarships must therefore *apply for JKUAT admission* to the respective JKUAT PhD. The JKUAT admission requirements are as follows:

S/No.	PhD Programme	Admission requirements
1.	PhD Mechanical Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i). A holder of a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT).ii). A holder of a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering or any other related field from any other institution, which is recognized by the university senate as being of equivalent academic status.iii). In addition, a candidate must submit a research concept approved by the School postgraduate board to be eligible for admission.
2.	PhD Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i). A holder of a Master’s degree in Computing/Computer Science/Information Technology/Software Engineering/Computer Technology/Computer Engineering (Thesis option) or related field, from a recognised university AND a relevant Bachelor degree from a recognised university.

Applications have to be submitted via the DAAD portal through the following links:

PhD in Mechanical Engineering

https://portal.daad.de/sap/bc/bsp/sap/z_set_cookie/setcookie.htm?fund_ar=stv&id=57607715

PhD in Information Technology

https://portal.daad.de/sap/bc/bsp/sap/z_set_cookie/setcookie.htm?fund_ar=stv&id=57607714

The JKUAT application form for PhD programmes can be found here: <https://www.jkuat.ac.ke/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Postgraduate-Application-Form.pdf>

An applicant admissible to the respective PhD is subsequently issued with a JKUAT letter of PhD admission from the Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPS).

Applicants who wish to be considered for admission into PhD programs should submit the following documents to JKUAT:

1. Duly filled application form.
2. PhD Research proposal or Concept note of 10-15 pages.
3. CV (indicating current employment and research publications) using the Europass template (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>).
4. Certified and scanned copies of Master's, Bachelor's, O-level and other pre-university certificates.
5. Certified and scanned copies of Master's and Bachelor's transcripts.
6. Copy of the bio-page of a valid Passport or National Identity.
7. Copy of receipt of payment of the application fee of USD 15.

The documents, as enumerated from 1. to 7. above, should be submitted to JKUAT as *softcopies* on or before, **15th December 2021** via the following respective email addresses:

- PhD Mechanical Engineering:- email: mechanical@eng.jkuat.ac.ke
- PhD Information Technology:- email: director@scit.jkuat.ac.ke

Any enquiries can also be made through the same respective email addresses.