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APPLICATION FOR THE WAC-SRT/DAAD SCHOLARSHIPS

2024/2025 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION AND AWARD OF GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MPHIL AND PHD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarships for the **MPHIL/PHD IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY** for the 2024/2025 Academic Year under the West African Centre for Sustainable Rural Transformation (WAC-SRT) at the University for Development Studies (UDS) in Tamale, Ghana.

A. Programme

i) Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Economic Development Policy (2 years, Full Time)
ii) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Economic Development Policy (4 years, Full Time)

B. Admission/Scholarship Requirements

To be admitted into the MPhil Economic Development Policy programme, applicants must have:

i) A first degree with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division in Economics or relevant cognate field from a recognized institution of higher learning or its equivalent in a relevant discipline.
ii) For candidates who wish to apply for DAAD scholarship, a first degree with a **minimum of Second Class Upper Division in a relevant field from a recognized institution of higher learning.** The last academic degree obtained should not be **older than six (6) years.**
iii) Submit official transcripts of academic records, certificates, and other relevant documents from successfully completed undergraduate programmes.
iv) Students applying for the DAAD Scholarship should include a one-page statement of motivation. In addition, applicants should include an updated Curriculum Vitae and research proposal detailing intended research work.
v) DAAD Scholarship applicants must pass a selection interview (face-to-face interview for local applicants or online interview for foreign applicants, as may be applicable).

vi) The applicants selected for the DAAD scholarship to pursue the MPhil Economic Development Policy programme will be awarded a two (2) year contract.

To be admitted into the PhD Economic Development Policy programme, applicants must note and fulfill the following conditions:

i) The applicant must have an MPhil in economics, development economics, economic development policy, quantitative development studies or equivalent research master's degree in cognate fields. Such candidates would normally aim to upgrade their research competence, leading to a terminal degree in EDP.

ii) For candidates who wish to apply for DAAD scholarship, a first degree with a **minimum of Second Class Upper Division and a second degree (MPhil) in a relevant field from a recognized institution of higher learning.** The last academic degree obtained should not be **older than six (6) years.**

iii) Submit official transcripts of academic records, certificates, and other relevant documents from successfully completed undergraduate and masters programmes.

iv) Students applying for the DAAD Scholarship should include a one-page statement of motivation. In addition, applicants should include an updated Curriculum Vitae and a 5-page minimum research proposal detailing intended research work.

v) Candidates applying for the DAAD scholarship should note that **the scholarship funding will only be awarded after a successful first year after which the funding commences.** This means that the first year will be self-funded by the candidate.

vi) DAAD Scholarship applicants must pass a selection interview (face-to-face interview for local applicants or online interview for foreign applicants, as may be applicable).

vii) The applicants selected for the DAAD scholarship to pursue the PhD Economic Development Policy programme will be awarded a three (3) year contract while the programme itself lasts for four (4) years.

C. Mode of Application

All Ghanaian and foreign applicants for the 2024/2025 academic year admissions are required to use the UDS online application portal at www.uds.edu.gh. The procedure for the online application process is as follows:

i) Ghanaian applicants are to make a payment of GHS 250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Ghana Cedis) for the UDS E-Voucher at any Zenith Bank, Agricultural Development Bank (ADB), Prudential Bank, National Investment Bank (NIB), GCB Bank Ltd., Ecobank and Stanbic Bank branches throughout the country and use the E-voucher number to complete the application form on the UDS online portal (www.uds.edu.gh).

ii) The E-Voucher contains the PIN and Serial Number required in completing the online form.

iii) Foreign applicants should access the online for free by visiting the UDS admissions portal at **www.admissions.uds.edu.gh**.

iv) In completing the online form, applicants will be required to upload their most recent passport size photographs and relevant certificates.

v) A form is not considered completed until it is SUBMITTED after accepting our Data Confirmation Policy (click on submit to finish your application). Applicants are advised to check thoroughly all details entered before finally submitting their online applications. A form, once submitted, can be viewed, but cannot be edited.

vi) Applicants must print out **three (3) copies** of the application summary; attach transcripts, certificates, and all other relevant documents to each form. Three referees' details are also required. Candidates must also attach a synopsis of their thesis proposal (maximum of five pages) as part of the application.

vii) Applicants in Ghana are strongly advised to visit any EMS Office in the Country for assistance towards the return of the application documents. Applicants are advised not to post the forms themselves. They should seek the advice and services of Ghana Post EMS. The application documents specified above should be addressed to:

Deputy Registrar, Academic and Students' Affairs,
University for Development Studies
P.O. Box TL 1350
Tamale – Ghana

Foreign applicants should also post three sets of the application documents mentioned in (vii) by Express mail to the address indicated above.

viii) For foreign applications, candidates should send a scanned copy of the application form and all documents in (vii) above to the Senior Assistant Registrar, Graduate School through this email: **syebaoh@uds.edu.gh** and copy the Head of Applied Economics Department through the email: sayambila@uds.edu.gh.

ix) **All applicants for the DAAD Scholarships** should send a scanned copy of their application form and all relevant documents to the Coordinator, WAC-SRT, UDS through the emails **agershon@uds.edu.gh, ayamga77@gmail.com, mayamga@uds.edu.gh** and **wac-srt@uds.edu.gh**, also copying the Senior Assistant Registrar at the Graduate School (syeboah@uds.edu.gh). Incomplete applications will not be considered during the selection process.

Deadline for the DAAD scholarship application is 10 August 2024

Note that the scholarship application is separate and applying for the program alone will not suffice!

For further enquiries regarding the DAAD scholarship, contact the coordinator on **0244393855**
Email: agershon@uds.edu.gh