

HSK FAQ for Applicants from the UK and Ireland

Disclaimer: Please cross-check the information provided in the [DAAD scholarship database](#) and also take note of the general [important scholarship information](#). More answers to frequently asked questions regarding the University Summer Courses programme can be found here: [FAQs](#) (in German).

General

Which courses can I sign up for?

The programme funds three to four weeks of language, regional studies and technical language courses in Germany. You can find a list of all the available courses here: [DAAD - Language and Short Courses - Homepage](#). The courses included in the DAAD funding are marked with an orange banner with a sun and 'Scholarships'.



Can I choose the courses I want to sign up for myself?

Yes and no. In the application form you will be asked to indicate three preferences. These preferences will be taken into account by the DAAD if possible, but the capacity for each course is limited. Therefore, the DAAD reserves the right to assign you to a different course than the ones you have selected. Should you accept the scholarship, the DAAD will sign you up for the course. Please do not contact the course provider yourself.

Is accommodation included in the scholarship?

This depends on the specific courses you apply for. Information on what is included in the course and what is covered by the course fees can be found on the individual course pages. Should you apply for a summer course that offers accommodation, the cost will be deducted from the stipend before you receive the difference. Please note that if accommodation is not included or the course provider does not help in finding accommodation, you are responsible for finding accommodation. In this case, it is likely that the scholarship will not cover the whole cost and you will have to subsidise it.

The Application

I am not from the UK/Ireland but currently live here. Am I still eligible to apply?

You can apply from the UK/Ireland if you're not from here, if you have lived in the country for at least one year at the time of the application. If you haven't lived in the UK/Ireland for a year, you can apply from your country of origin (unless it is Germany), even if you currently don't live there.

Can I apply as a first-year undergraduate student?

Yes, as an applicant applying from the UK or Ireland, you can, but only under certain circumstances. If you have lived in the UK or Ireland for over a year by the time of the application and you have previously learned German, you can apply just the same way as everybody else by filling out the online form and uploading the relevant documents including a language certificate of minimum A2 level.

If you are a beginner in German (i.e., you just took up German recently or are an ab-initio student in your first year), you can still apply and instead of a proof of language, you will need to provide proof



that you are taking the necessary German courses to achieve the required language level when submitting your application. However, you will then be asked to submit a language certificate by Friday, 12 January 2024 (i.e., no later than six weeks after the official application deadline) stating that you have obtained the required language level of minimum A2.

I'm in my final year Bachelors, can I still apply?

Yes, but as you will have finished your degree by the time you start the summer school, we would ask you to submit a supporting document stating that you are pursuing further education. This can be an offer letter for a Masters or any other postgraduate course, a confirmation of your application to a Masters or any other postgraduate course, or a letter from a course coordinator stating your intentions of applying and your eligibility.

I'm a postgraduate student, can I apply?

Yes, you can, but only under the condition that (1) your course runs into September and that you have no overlap with any examinations at your home institutions or that (2) you are pursuing further education after the summer school. If you are pursuing further education after the summer school, we ask for proof of enrolment or application to a programme or a letter from a tutor / course convenor that you have enquired about this.

What do you mean by a German CV?

A German-style CV is slightly different to an English one. It is in tabular form, written in German (of course!), and usually includes personal information and a professional, passport-style photo. You can find a very basic example at the end of this document. Of course, you don't have to include a photo or any personal information if you don't feel comfortable doing so.

What happens if I forgot to submit something?

If you notice that you forgot to attach a document, you can always email us, and we will see what we can do. However, if there is a document / are documents missing from your application after the deadline passes, we will contact you once and give you the chance to submit the missing information within a specified short amount of time (usually only a couple of days). If you didn't provide the necessary documents within the timeframe, we have to disregard your application. This is subject to a case-to-case evaluation, and we reserve the right to not consider your application if the eligibility criteria aren't met and a significant amount of information is missing. Please note that we will not contact you again if the second deadline has passed and you have not submitted the missing document/s.

Language Qualification

What language skills are required?

As the lectures and course content will be delivered in German, you must provide proof of a minimum language level of A2 when applying. But you are advised to check the specific course pages as they might require a higher proficiency.



How can I prove my language skills and what tests are accepted?

We accept a number of language certificates which are onSET-Deutsch, TestDaF, Goethe Institut Zertifikat, DSD, DSH, telc Deutsch, ÖSD-Zertifikat, and in some cases the baccalaureate (for specialised language courses only). Please note that your language certificate cannot be older than 1 year at the time of the application. If you have a level of B2 or higher, your certificate can be older than 1 year. We do not accept enrolment in a degree in German Studies or A-Levels/Irish Leaving Certificates as proof.

Where can I do the language test?

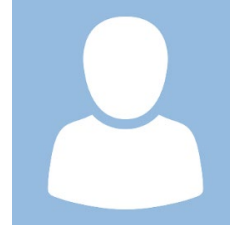
There are different test centres in the UK and Ireland. Our DAAD lecturers are tied to some of the onSET test centres in the UK which can be found here: [Testzentren und Termine | onSET Online-Spracheinstufungstest](#). If there are no examination dates scheduled, please contact the relevant person at the institution closest to you who is listed on the webpage to ask for advice and perhaps make an appointment. Please note that you must take the test in person at a recognised centre.



Lebenslauf

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Schulbildung

seit 09/2022 **Freie Universität Berlin**
Bachelorstudium Germanistik

- Vertiefung: Literaturwissenschaft
- Mitgliedschaft in der Fachschaft Germanistik

09/2014 – 07/2022 **Musterschule, Berlin**
Abitur – Note: 2,0

- Leistungskurse: Deutsch und Englisch
- Klassensprecher für 3 Jahre

Praktische Erfahrung

07/2022 – 09/2022 **Aushilfe als Verkäufer**
Musterbuchhandlung, Berlin

- Beratung von Kunden
- Katalogisieren von Büchern

Kenntnisse und Kompetenzen

EDV-Kenntnisse **Word: Sehr gut**
Excel: Grundlagen
Powerpoint: Grundlagen

Fremdsprachen Englisch: gut in Wort und Schrift (B2 in Teilen C1)
Französisch: Grundkenntnisse (A2)

Freiwilliges Engagement

seit 01/2015 **Musikverein, Berlin Ort**

- Jugendkapelle

seit 08/2010 **Fußballverein Berlin SC**

- Aktiver Spieler
- Jugendtrainer (seit 2015)

Hobbys

Fußball, Lesen, Reisen, Trompete

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