



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst  
German Academic Exchange Service



# RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT 2024

WITHIN THE:

## “Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa”

### Programme Objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is funded by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) as commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to organize support measures for the "**Network of Excellence for Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)**".

NELGA is a partnership of over 70 leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance.

#### The objectives of NELGA are:

- Enhancing training opportunities and curricula on land governance in Africa;
- Promoting demand driven research on land policy;
- Connecting scholars and researchers across Africa;
- Creating data and information for monitoring and evaluation on land policy reforms;
- Strengthening policy-research linkages.

**DAAD is offering research fellowships for research stays or field studies related to Climate Change and Land Governance.**

### Eligible Applicants

We invite staff members or students of NELGA partner institutions with a background in land governance or a related field to apply for funding for **NELGA research fellowships**.

#### Applicants must

- have completed at least a first university degree (undergraduate) at a state or state-recognized institution of higher education;
- be enrolled or a staff member at one of the NELGA partner universities or associated institutions;
- return to their studies/duty station at the end of the fellowship;
- be nationals of an African country;
- be granted leave of absence by their home institution for conducting a field study.

*Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to apply.*

### Eligible Fields

Applicants must have a background in land governance/ land management or a related field (e.g. land administration, land economics, urban and regional planning, geomatics).

Proposals covering the following cross-cutting issues will be given special consideration in the field of Climate Change and Land Governance:

- **African Food Systems and Land Governance**
- **Pastoralism, Livestock and Land Rights in Africa**
- **Digitalization and Land Rights in Africa**
- **Gender and Land Rights in Africa**

### Place of Tenure

The fellowships are tenable in the field, at a state or state-recognized institution of higher education or a non-university research institute. The fellowship does not provide financial support to research at the applicant's home institution.

### Duration

The fellowships are tenable for a period of one up to three months, depending on the project in questions and the applicant's timetable. Only full months are fundable. The fellowship is not renewable.

### Value

The fellowship consists of:

- a flat-rate travel allowance: EUR 280 for in-country, EUR 430 for neighbouring countries, EUR 630 for in-region, EUR 980 for out of region;
- a monthly research allowance of EUR 460.

## Terms and Conditions

The fellowship does not cover living expenses. One month after the end of the fellowship the fellow must provide a detailed report on the implementation of the research and its findings. The fellowship is not renewable. Funding is only eligible once per year, per topic and per educational stage.

## Application Procedure

Applicants will be required to:

1. register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered): <https://portal.daad.de/>
2. apply online under the following link: [Click here](#)

**For technical questions regarding the DAAD-Portal, please contact [portal@daad.de](mailto:portal@daad.de).**

## Documents to be submitted

- DAAD application form, duly filled (available in the DAAD-Portal);
- Curriculum Vitae, including list of publications (if applicable);
- detailed description of the research proposal and a description of previous research work (max. 10 pages);
- weekly schedule of planned research work;
- letter confirming supervision by an academic adviser at the host institute, which refers to the applicant's proposal and confirms that the host institute will provide a workplace (not applicable for studies in the field);
- copies of university diplomas/certificates and transcripts of record of all annual academic examinations (incl. explanation of grading system);
- a recent reference from a university teacher which provides information about the applicant's qualifications.

## Deadlines

The following deadlines apply:

Deadline	Start of the fellowship each year
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> of January 2025

## Selection Criteria

The most important selection criteria are:

- a convincing and well-planned research project;
- academic achievements.

Any additional documents supporting the academic relevance of the research proposal or providing information about pertinent extracurricular activities of the applicant will also be considered in the assessment.

## Contacts

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