

STUDENTS AT RISK – HILDE DOMIN-PROGRAMME

DAAD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS AT RISK AND DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

The "Hilde Domin Programme" is intended to enable students and doctoral researchers, who are demonstrably and in particular at acute risk, to take up or continue their studies or doctoral project at a German university under secure conditions. The selected students and doctoral researchers receive a scholarship that covers living expenses as well as the costs of their studies or research project.

Target group: Students at risk and doctoral researchers who are (demonstrably) formally or de facto denied the right to education in their country of origin. Those who are demonstrably at acute risk are those who can prove or credibly demonstrate a threat to their personal well-being or security (e.g. through physical violence, arrest, denial of civil and educational rights, etc.).

Region: Worldwide; however, nationals from EU/EEA/EFTA countries as well as nationals from Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and the United Kingdom are generally excluded.

Content: Full scholarships for bachelor and master students as well as doctoral researchers incl., if applicable, the completion of a German course (max. 6 months).

Subjects: Students and doctoral researchers of all disciplines with the exception of fine arts, performing arts, design, visual communication, music, film, architecture, human medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine may apply.

Nomination at RUB

Potential candidates cannot apply for the programme themselves but should first be proposed by members of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum to the International Office for formal review. The International Office bundles the proposals and submits the formally admissible proposals to the Rectorate for nomination.

After the official nomination of suitable candidates by the Rectorate to the DAAD, the nominated students and doctoral researchers must then apply independently. The final selection of scholarship holders is then made by an independent selection committee appointed by the DAAD.

Requirements for a nomination by the Ruhr-Universität:

- **Be demonstrably at acute risk:** Candidates must be able to demonstrate an acute threat to their personal well-being or security (e.g. physical violence, arrest, denial of civil and educational rights, etc.), especially in the form of formal or de facto denial of the right to education on the basis of identity (e.g. origin, religion, sexual, gender identity) or actions (political or civic engagement). Refugee status issued in Germany or another country is usually not sufficient.

- Must be **at least 18 years old** at the time of nomination.
- Have **obtained necessary academic qualifications** for the intended course of study (university entrance qualification/baccalaureate, bachelor's or master's degree).
- Have obtained their **last educational degree** no longer than two years ago or be currently actively participating in an educational programme (e.g. studies).
- **Current place of residence:** Residence in home country, third country or Germany possible; if residence in Germany or third country, entry should have taken place less than 15 months ago.
- Demonstrate very good **academic performance**.
- Demonstrate German or English **language skills** (depending on course of study, doctorate) at a B2 or even higher level.
- **Not have received current or past funding by the Ruhr-Universität**, especially via DAAD programmes Integra and NRWege (study preparation and support for refugees).

The following documents are required (in German or English):

- Copy of passport or another form of **identification**
- (If applicable) residence title in Germany or third country, e.g. in case of refugee/asylum status outside of Germany
- Curriculum Vitae (**CV**)
- Description of the threat** (approx. one page) including evidence (e.g. in the form of screenshots of relevant social media posts; arrest warrants; reliable media reports, etc.)
- Certificates of all educational qualifications** obtained (school-leaving certificate, bachelor's or master's degree certificate, etc.)
- (If applicable) **transcript of records** (for students), certificate of university entrance examinations, and other relevant documents
- (Only for doctoral researchers) **confirmation of supervision** by a chair at the Ruhr-Universität
- **Proof of language proficiency** (German/English): proof of GER language proficiency in German or English (depending on degree programme, doctorate) at a B2 or even higher level
- Letter of motivation** (approx. one page on the reasons for wanting to study at the Ruhr-Universität)
- Self-disclosure** (see RUB form)

Please send these documents with a few days' notice in accordance with the relevant deadlines to the International Office of RUB at: welcome@rub.de

Planned start of studies in the winter semester 2022/23

- Nominations via International Office/Rectorate: 15. July to 15. September 2021
- Applications of successful nominees to the DAAD: 16. September to 29. October 2021

Planned start of studies in the summer semester 2023

- Nominations via International Office/Rectorate: 15. January to 15. March 2022
- Applications of successful nominees to the DAAD: 16. March to 29. April 2022

Planned start of studies in the winter semester 2023/24

- Nominations via International Office/Rectorate: 15. July to 15. September 2022
- Applications of the successful nominees to the DAAD: 16. September to 28. October 2022