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German Egyptian Research Long-term Scholarship (“GERLS”)

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As an outcome of success achieved during the German-Egyptian Year of Science & Technology 2007, a cooperation agreement has been made between the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt “MHESR” and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), from funds made available by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research to create a program offering up to 100 postgraduate scholarships for Egyptian doctoral candidates.

The target group of this program comprises Egyptian researchers holding M.A. / M.Sc. degrees which should generally not be older than 3 years.

Welcome by:

- **Prof. Dr. Mohamed Gaber Abou Ali**, First under Secretary, Cultural Affairs and Mission Sector
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1. Introduction of the GERLS team:

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- Please refrain from sending emails to everybody & keep Ms. Heba Ahmed your contact person.
- Please refrain from using the word (**urgent**), if the topic isn't urgent.

2. **Welcome by MHESR/DAAD**

- Short introduction of the program, which is to 70% financed by the MHESR and to 30% financed by the DAAD.
- The DAAD will be in contact with you via email, so please check your emails on a daily basis.

N.B. Answering Inquiries per E-mails may take up to two weeks. Our counseling hours are Sun - Thu from 10am – 12pm.

Time line of the program:

- **Call for application:** from 01.07.2009 till 31.10.2009
- **Pre-selection Procedures:** 15.11.2009 till 15.12.2009
- **Final selection Procedures:** January/February 2010
- **Start of Language course in Egypt:**
 - **For Channel and Specialization:** March 2010
 - **For Full PHD:** May 2010
- **First Travel Date for the start of the language course in Germany:**
 - **For Channel and Specialization:** June 2010, start of semester October 2010
 - **For Full PHD:** October 2010, start of semester April 2011
- **Kindly note that all above mentioned date are subject to change without prior notice.**
- **Dates of the planned information sessions and interview will be communicated to the applicants.**

3. Language Course and Cultural preparation

- A short introduction of the language course concept this year. The purpose of the language course and cultural preparation is to prepare you for the life in Germany.
- The Goethe Institute in Cairo has a language department and a cultural department.
- In Germany there are 17 Goethe Institutes located in different cities. Headquarters are located in Munich.
- There are 3 central locations for the German language course (Cairo – Alexandria-Assiut); the applicants will be distributed by DAAD as per the location and the capacity of the course.

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We will start with the group that leaves in June & all mentioned dates to be confirmed.

- **Placement test:** Attending the German crash course depends on your German level, which will be decided upon during a placement test.
- The placement test and the final test (A2) will be held in Goethe institute Cairo.
- Funding during the language course in Egypt includes:
 - A per diem of 100EGP will be offered to participants from remote universities and for the participants from Cairo a per diem of 30EGP. (The calculation is done based on the location of the home university.)
- Scholarship-holders are expected to manage their accommodation in Cairo by themselves.
- There are 3 central locations for the German language course (Cairo – Alexandria-Assiut); the applicants will be distributed by DAAD as per the location and the capacity of the course.
- The placement test for Channel and Specialization will be on 13/3/2010 at Goethe institute; as for the full PhD the course will start on 22/5/2010.
- The starting date of Cultural Preparation & Language Course for Channel and Specialization will be the 15th of March; as for the full PhD the course will start on the 15th of May. **All dates in the time line are subject to be confirmed:**
 1. [Timeline language course \(Channel & Specialization\).pdf](#)
 2. [Timeline language course \(Full PhD\).pdf](#)

- Attendance of the course will need a leave (paid or unpaid from the home university). The letters for the PHD candidates stating their participation at the course will be ready after a few days. We shall inform you about the pick up dates.
- At the end of the course you will have reached the level A2 within the Common European Framework of Reference and will receive a certificate.
- There are going to be two parallel groups, one for Channel and one for Specialization.
- As for the cultural preparation it will take place for the first group from 8.5. – 11.5.2010 and for the second group from 15.5. – 18.5.2010.
- The starting dates for each Channel and Specialization candidate have been announced, according to your result of the placement test. The results will be sent to you via email.
- The soft skills workshop for full PhD will start on 23/5/2010 and will end on 27/5/2010. The schedule is Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 3:30pm.
- There are going to be 3 parallel groups for PhD.
- As for the cultural preparation it will take place for the first group from 4/7/2010-7/7/2010 and for the second group from 11/7/2010-14/7/2010 and for the third group from 19/7/2010-22/7/2010.
- Please don't be absent and notify Ms. Heba Ahmed via email in advance if you will not be able to attend a lesson and notify Mrs. Mona Ayoub under her mobile number 012 1716 297 in the following urgent cases only:-
 - ✓ Suddenness illness
 - ✓ Injuries
 - ✓ Accident
 - ✓ Withdrawal
- Please note that the German and cultural preparation course is part of your scholarship.
- Doing homework is essential.
- Attendance of the cultural preparation course is obligatory to all candidates, even the ones who know German.
- We require all candidates to appear on time to the lessons.
- There are going to be hospital terminology sessions for the medicine group. You are going to be informed about the details by your language teacher.

3.1 Language course in Germany

Funding during the language course in Germany includes:

- Families awarded candidates' don't accompany the applicant at the German language course in Germany.
- The costs of accommodation.
- The costs of health, accident and liability insurances.
- Travel allowance from the language center to the host institution or university at the end of the language course in Germany.
- The return costs from the language course location to the Host University or institution for a preparatory visit may be paid.

4. Information regarding the scholarship

- The GERLS scholarship is a big plus and an obligation.
 - We advice to prepare yourself early enough and plan ahead of time.
 - Please make sure to tell us early enough, if you will not take the scholarship. We need to be advised in writing for withdrawal for now and for later.
 - Please also advice us early enough in case you receive another scholarship and therefore would like to withdraw from the GERLS scholarship.
 - You will receive an award letter, which is a very important document and we advice you to take good care of it and keep it with you for formal registrations and visa application. The award letter will be ready in April or May. Acceptance is final after completion of all the necessary documentations and formalities.
 - For any reasons there are no more changes possible in the proposals.
 - Channel and Specialization Candidates will travel to Germany in June and will attend a language course for four months.
 - Full PhD Candidates will travel to Germany in October and will attend a language course for six months.
 - The family **can not** accompany you during the time of the language course in Germany.
 - Family allowances or other allowances will be regulated with DAAD Headquarters in Bonn.
 - Full PhD or channel decision of the committee can not be changed now.
 - Documentations needed (e.g. birth certificates, marriage certificates etc.) shall be stated in the meeting with Ms. Heba Ahmed and the DAAD Alumni. The date for this event will be announced via email.
 - Important information sent by Ms. Leopold for PhD and Channel will be sent to you by email.
 - Award Certificates will be distributed during the meeting with the ambassador. We will inform you about the date via email.
 - The regulations for the rights of foreigners in Germany (Ausländerrecht) will be sent to you via email.
 - Channel and Specialization regulations: Channel and specialization candidates have to be registered at their home university. Channel candidates have to submit the following documents to the Missions department and the DAAD:
 - Proof of your PHD registration at your home University/Institution
 - Acceptance letter by an Egyptian Supervisor
 - Proof of communication between the two supervisors in Egypt and in Germany.
- For a successful Channel supervision both Professors should know and Communicate with each other. We shall get back to you in regard of the number of visits permitted within the Channel system for the Egyptian supervisor as well as the accommodation costs. The contact person in Cairo for the Egyptian professors is Ms. Heba Ahmed.
- Conditionally accepted candidates should finalize their papers before the deadlines set in the email received from Heba Ahmed.
 - Regarding the language course in Germany for PhD candidates we recommend taking the language test after the language course despite of the fact that the certificate may not be required by all universities.
 - Bench fees and lab costs can not be covered within the scholarship.

- There are certain regulations regarding the field studies included within a research:
→ Channel candidates have to finalize their field study before start of scholarship.
- In case there are problems in Germany and in Egypt, it should be reported to the DAAD immediately. In these cases the contact person in Germany is Ms. Margret Leopold and in Egypt Ms. Mona Ayoub.
- The scholarship is extendable through a committee in Germany after 12 months. The application documents for the extension have to be well prepared early enough.
- Breaks and vacations need to be reported to Ms. Margret Leopold in Germany.

5. After Final Selection:

- Group speaker will be identified for each group.
- The contact list of all group members will be sent to you via email.
- Universities will be informed by the Mission Department about the final accepted candidates.
- Each applicant will receive a preliminary letter from DAAD stating the award.

➤ Interview Guideline: [Interview guideline.pdf](#)

➤ Presentation about Ideal Candidate: [GERLS Ideal Candidate.ppt](#)