

DAAD GSSP Scholarships

Scholarships for international PhD students

The **Graduate School LSE** is a central scientific institution of the TU Darmstadt and pursues the goal of establishing interdisciplinary research and training of excellent international doctoral students at the interface **between engineering sciences and life sciences**.

The Graduate School LSE was selected by the Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP) of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to nominate and host up to four international PhD students in 2023 and 2024 (two each year). Each DAAD scholarship in this programme comprises funding for up to three years. Extension to a fourth year may be possible in very well founded cases. The candidates will have the opportunity to undertake their doctoral studies under the supervision of one scientist within the Graduate School LSE.

For 2023, there is one scholarship available for doctoral studies to begin May - December 2023 (starting dates are dependent on the application and visa process) in one of the following research groups:

Prof. Dr. Cristina Cardoso, Cell biology & epigenetics: We develop and apply chromatin/epigenetic engineering approaches to understand and for targeted manipulation of cellular proliferation, differentiation and reprogramming in mammalian systems.

Prof. Dr. Harald Kolmar, Applied Biochemistry: The group is specialized in protein engineering with a focus on antibody engineering. We optimize enzymes and antibodies with respect to their stability or selectivity and endow them with tailor-made functional properties.

Admission process:

- A selection committee of PIs of the Graduate School LSE will review the applications and select candidates for a nomination to the final decision process of the DAAD
- The applicants who have been selected for a scholarship must further submit a completed application form with all supporting documents via the DAAD-portal <https://www.meindaad.de>
- Successful applicants will be offered a full PhD scholarship, financed by the GSSP programme of the DAAD

Application requirements:

- International applicants who have not been living in Germany for more than 15 months
- The last final exam (Master Degree) should have taken place no longer than six years ago at the time of application
- Application documents comprise a CV, a motivation letter, transcript of records and at least 2 letters of recommendation

Written applications as **one single pdf** are to be submitted with the required documents and the research group of choice to application.graduateschoolLSE@csb.tu-darmstadt.de.