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## Call for Scholarship Applications 2020

**Funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**

**“In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme” Sub-Saharan Africa at University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications (CIPMA – UNESCO Chair) in Benin**

**Background:** DAAD through the “In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme” funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), offers scholarships for PhD and Master studies. The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Sub-Saharan Africa with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development.

It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications by offering up to 2 In-Region and 1 In-Country scholarships for PhD and up to 9 In-Region and 3 In-Country scholarships for Master studies at University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications for the intake 2020.

### **Application fields:**

- International Master Programme in Oceanography and Applications
- International PhD Programme in Oceanography and Applications

**Language of application:** All applications MUST be submitted in English.

**Target group:** graduates and postgraduates from Sub-Saharan Africa with a at least Master1 level academic degree if applying for the Master’s programme (**2nd year only**), or with a Master’s degree if applying for the doctoral programme **who want to pursue studies in Oceanography** in their home country or in another Sub-Saharan African country. Applicants should be university staff or academically trained personnel of public sector.

**Number of scholarships:** 1 Doctorates & 3 Masters from Benin  
2 Doctorates & 9 Masters from other Sub-Saharan countries

**Eligibility criteria –** To be admitted in the Master programme (**2nd year only**), applicants must hold a Master 1 level academic degree or a master degree in Physics, Chemistry, Oceanography, mathematics or related domain to oceanography. For the doctoral programme, applicants must hold a Master’s degree in Oceanography. In addition, applicants must fit DAAD eligibility criteria, available on DAAD portal

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## How to apply – The application process contains two steps

**First step:** Applicants must apply for their studies at University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications by submitting (priority by email to two emails listed below) to Professor Hounkonnou:

- *An application form ;*
- *A Motivation letter*
- *An application letter addressed to ICMPA Holder ;*
- *Copies of degrees / diplomas ;*
- *Academic transcripts;*
- *A curriculum vitae ;*
- *Proof of proficiency in English if you are from French country*
- Certified copy of your birth certificate
- Curriculum vitae

Application file for doctoral candidates includes:

- Cover letter of application to *to ICMPA Holder*
- Motivation letter to the ICMPA Holder
- Concept note of the research project (not more than 10 pages)
- Curriculum vitae including if possible a list of scientific publications
- Academic transcripts with explanation of the grading system.
- Copy of certificates for the Master
- Reference letter from a lecturer-researcher

**ICMPA UNESCO CHAIR Deadline: 15th January 2020**

**Second step:** DAAD reserves the right of final selection. Only the pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit an DAAD application.  
**DAAD Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020.** More details are available **on DAAD portail.**

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# **„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ Sub-Saharan Africa**

## **Call for Scholarship Applications 2020 at University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications (CIPMA- UNESCO Chair) in Benin**

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Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**

**Application Closing Date at DAAD (for pre-selected candidates only):  
7th February 2020**



## Programme Objectives

The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Sub-Saharan Africa with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development. To this end, scholarships are granted for development-related Master or doctoral studies for individuals who plan to pursue a career in teaching and / or research at a higher education institution in Sub-Saharan Africa.

By training future academic and professional leaders, the programme contributes to the following **long-term impacts**:

- Qualified professionals' involvement in the solution of development-related problems in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Graduates strengthening education and research in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Structural strengthening and regional networking of partner institutions and partner universities

To achieve these long term impacts, the following outcomes have been formulated as programme objectives:

**Programme objective 1:** Graduates have qualified to take over responsible positions in their, or for their, region of origin

**Programme objective 2:** The participation of women and underprivileged groups is reinforced

**Programme objective 3:** Organizational, financial and personal capacities of partner institutions are strengthened

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ DAAD offers scholarships for PhD and Master studies. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

The target group for scholarships are graduates and postgraduates from Sub-Saharan Africa with a first academic degree if applying for a Master's programme, or with a Master's degree if applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue Master's or PhD courses in their home country (so called **In-Country scholarships**) or in another Sub-Saharan African country (**In-Region scholarships**).

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## Application requirements

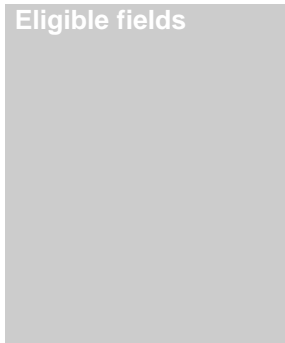
### Applicants

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree (Master candidates) or a two-year university degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (second class upper division)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent resident of a Sub-Saharan African country
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector



*Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.*

Scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.



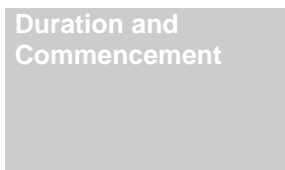
The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development.

The scholarships at University of Abomey – Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications (CIPMA – UNESCO Chair) are available in the following fields:

- International Master Programme in Oceanography and Applications
- International PhD Programme in Oceanography and Applications



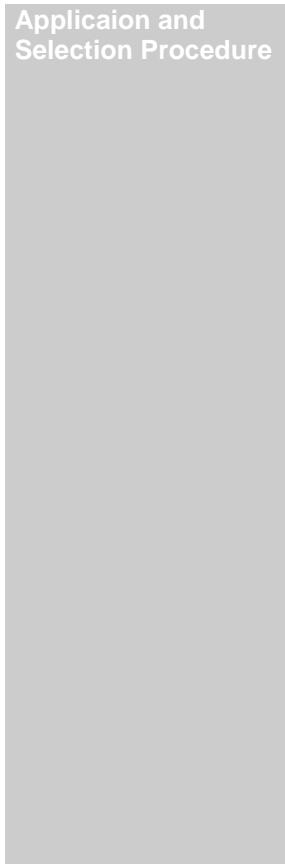
University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications (CIPMA – UNESCO Chair), 072 BP 50, Carrefour des Trois Banques, Avenue Pape Jean – Paul II.



The duration

- of the PhD programme is generally **up to three years**
- of the Master programme is **generally two years**

generally **starting in October 2020.**



**The application process contains two steps. Please be aware of the two application deadlines.**

First step:

Applicants must apply for their studies at University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. The University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications **has set its own deadlines.**

University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and applications will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and short-list the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will also be availed to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain preferably triple (at least double) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

Second step:

University of Abomey-Calavi, International Chair in Mathematical Physics and Applications will provide the shortlisted candidates with the link to the DAAD-Portal. Only the pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit an DAAD application. **DAAD Deadline: 7th February 2020.**

Documents to be submitted (in either English or German):

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- Recommendation letter by university teachers (Master 1, PhD 2)
- Letter of admission for the host university / institution / network
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see “Additional benefits”)
- Copy of the passport

PhD candidates have to submit the following additional documents:

- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including detailed work and time table (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see “Additional benefits”)
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)

#### Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
<b>Tuition fees</b>	annually	<i>the regularly charged amount</i>
<b>Study and research allowance</b>	annually	460 EUR (Master) 920 EUR (PhD)
<b>Printing allowance</b>	once at the end of studies	400 EUR (Master) 800 EUR (PhD)
<b>Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)</b>	monthly	300 EUR (Master In-Country) 450 (Master In-Region) 500 EUR (PhD In-Country) 550 (PhD In-Region)
<b>Travel allowance (In-Region only)</b>	twice (beginning/end of scholarship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award</i>
<b>Insurance</b>		<i>if applicable</i>

The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder’s banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

#### Additional benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for a **research stay in Germany** for 3 up to 6 months. Please note: **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

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