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Call for Applications

BIGSAS-Scholarships for

African Women Scholars based on the Continent

DAAD Graduate School Scholarship Programme 2026

The **Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies, BIGSAS**, invites outstanding African women scholars based on the continent to join an international community of early career researchers working in the field of African Studies. BIGSAS provides a centre for creative and innovative doctoral training based on the inter- and multi-disciplinary research environment of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence at the University of Bayreuth.

In 2026, BIGSAS is awarding two scholarships within the **Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP)** provided by the **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**. For these, BIGSAS will nominate candidates who have successfully passed the BIGSAS application procedure. The final selection on the scholarship will be made by the DAAD. The scholarship periods begin in October 2026 at the earliest (including a German language course starting in summer 2026, if applicable). The scholarships are awarded for a total scholarship period of up to four years.

Applicants must have a very good Master's or equivalent degree. The last Master's or equivalent degree must have been obtained within the last six years at the time of nomination by BIGSAS. Your application must be accompanied by two reports (letters of recommendation) from academic teachers in your past study programme(s) that know you reasonably well.

Applicants should not have been resident in Germany for more than **fifteen months** at the time of nomination. While applications may be submitted in German, English or French, do please note that the working language of BIGSAS is English.

The application deadline is 04 January 2026.

For more information on your application, please refer to:

<https://www.bigsas.uni-bayreuth.de/en/application/index.html>

and www.daad.de/go/en/stipa57034100