

Scholarships for the German-Arab Master's course**“Joint M.A. Program Comparative & Middle East Politics and Society” (CMEPS)****Eberhard Karls-University Tübingen / American University in Cairo (AUC)****Start: September / October 2013****Announcement for foreign applicants****Goal of the program**

This four-semester, interdisciplinary program combines political science contents from the field of comparative politics and transformation research with a specialization on the Middle East region, which includes both language training and the transfer of knowledge of society, culture and history of the Arab world. It particularly focuses on the recent social and political transformations in the region. In addition to the ability to analyse political issues such as regime change, democratization, civil society, and development cooperation, the CMEPS program provides intercultural skills and applied knowledge that will open up excellent job opportunities with public and private employers to future graduates. At both universities, the program follows a jointly developed syllabus and includes joint classes for Arab, German and international students as well as a compulsory semester abroad at the respective partner university. The language of instruction is English. Upon successful completion of the program the degree `Master of Arts` (M.A.) will be awarded.

Target Group

The target group of this Master's program are Bachelor graduates in the fields of Political Science, Social Sciences, Middle East Studies or Arabic and Islamic studies. Applications are open to participants from the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Duration

2 years, starting winter semester 2013/2014

What is funded?

The DAAD awards a monthly scholarship of € 400 (semesters in Egypt) and € 750 (3rd semester in Germany = winter semester 2014/15). The scholarship also includes health insurance and insurance for accident and personal liability for the semester spent in Germany; additionally a health insurance will be provided for the semesters in Egypt. Furthermore, the DAAD pays a subsidy towards the travel expenses.

Please note that no other subsidy will be paid (e.g. family subsidies)!

Application Requirements

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- ≡ TOEFL minimum of 90 points (iTB) or another comparable test
- ≡ Bachelor degree in a relevant study field
- ≡ The university's degree (Bachelor's degree) should not be older than 6 years.
- ≡ Completion of the Bachelor's degree with an above average result (upper third performance level).
- ≡ Fulfilment of all eligibility criteria of the University of Tübingen and the AUC.

Documents needed for scholarship application

- ≡ A hand-signed DAAD application form „Application for Research Grants and Study Scholarships“
(http://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf)
Please select **other Programmes!**
- ≡ A hand-signed CV (please use the europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>)
- ≡ A hand-signed letter of motivation (with reference to current occupation) with precise description of the academic/professional and personal reasons for wishing to participate in this programme.
- ≡ One recommendation letter from academic staff; please use the following form: <http://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/recommendation.pdf> ; additionally a recommendation letter of a former employer can be submitted as well
- ≡ Proof of language abilities in English (e.g. TOEFL 90 points or comparable) and if applicable German.
- ≡ Certified copies of awarded academic degrees; school leaving certificate, transcripts
- ≡ Certified of admission for the study program (can be submitted up until the start of the scholarship)
- ≡ Explanation of the grading system
- ≡ Copy of the passport

The application needs to be in English.

Applications that are not complete will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Selection

A selection committee consisting of professors of the course and representatives of the DAAD will nominate the candidates for a scholarship.

Aside from the study achievements and the academic quality of the applicant, the most important selection criterion will be a convincing personal presentation of his/her professional and personal motivation for participating in this program. The candidate has to introduce himself/herself personally to a committee consisting of professors and DAAD representatives.

After awarding the scholarship a regular achievement control takes place throughout the course of studies. Without fulfilment of the required performance, the DAAD reserves itself the right to terminate the scholarship prematurely.

Country specific information, dates, location and guidance

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- ≡ Deadline for application 15th June, 2013
- ≡ Please send your electronic application to:
cmeps@aucegypt.edu

- ≡ For more information about the **program** and the admission process please visit the programme website (www.cmeps.eu) or address further questions to cmeps@aucegypt.edu)

- ≡ For further information regarding the **scholarship** please contact:
German Academic Exchange Service
Section 444
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The application for a scholarship DOES NOT replace the application for the admission at the university!