

Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst German Academic Exchange Service

DAAD- The German Academic Exchange Service

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is the largest funding organisation in the world supporting the international exchange of students and scholars. The DAAD runs over 250 programmes, through which it funds more than 67,000 German and foreign scholars worldwide per annum. Its head office in Bonn maintains contact with and provides advice to its main partner countries on every continent via a network of 14 regional offices and 54 information centres. The DAAD has been active in Georgia since 1988 with a lecture's post. Since 2003 there are three lecturer's post in Georgia, two in Tbilisi and one in Kutaisi. In 2004 an Information Centre was opened. Its tasks are:

- to give information to students, university teachers and researchers about study and research opportunities in Germany and about scholarship opportunities
- to advise applicants for a scholarship from DAAD or from other German funding organizations
- to advise and support Georgian universities in establishing cooperation between Georgian and German universities
- to organize seminars, conferences, workshops and trainings for students, university teachers, university staff members and former scholarship holders
- to promote German language and German studies in Georgia.

In 2013, DAAD spent around 2, 5 Mio Euros in Georgia. Every year, DAAD is funding 400 Georgian students and researchers in projects like summer schools, conferences and seminars. Around 100 out of them get individual scholarships, which are available for German and English speaking applicants.

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