

The Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD) is the scholarship institution of the **German Catholic Church** for post-graduate students and researchers from countries of the Global South.

ABOUT KAAD

What does KAAD expect from you?

- excellent qualifications in the intended field of study
- personal integrity
- religious and social commitment
- developing a vision how you aim to contribute to your home society after your return
- active participation in KAAD network activities in Germany and Asia (including seminars, other cultural events, meetings among scholarship holders and local alumni etc.)



Zhang Defeng: *Being Nourished*, 2005.

KAAD's services support countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East in their efforts to promote a **new generation of young leaders** who initiate social and cultural changes in their home countries.

Our work is based on cooperation with our **50 partner committees** and **34 alumni associations** worldwide. In the light of our responsibility for integral human development, we aim at setting up long-lasting networks and at contributing to a holistic development of each person and of society in general. This approach includes religious and interreligious dimensions.

KAAD provides its scholars with financial support in the form of a **monthly scholarship** as well as with **non-material support** (e.g. participation in seminars or conferences). It offers **spiritual and personal assistance** in view of future multiplying functions the students take on in their home countries.



Questions? Help needed?

You are always welcome to contact us at asia@kaad.de

Application deadlines: January, 1st and June, 30th
(country-specific deviations possible)

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KAAD in Asia



The Asia Department includes the regions of East, Southeast, and South Asia. While Christianity is of strong influence in countries like South Korea or the Philippines, it is a minority in most Asian countries. Religious diversity is a decisive feature in Asia and of distinct shape in contexts where distinguishing between “religions” is a historically recent phenomenon. Through our partner committees and alumni associations, we are connected across Asia beyond national boundaries. Our former scholarship holders inspire local Catholic, Christian and inter-religious life with their international experience and strive to contribute to social well-being and a sustainable, peaceful future in this globalized world.

Asia developed strongly in the past decades. KAAD has helped to shape the careers of scholars from East Asia, especially China, and will continue to do so. KAAD partner committees in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam have been established for decades. Recent developments focus on joint initiatives such as with the Diocese of Regensburg with which we established a Third-Country Program in Myanmar.

OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Scholarship Program 1 (S1)

These are scholarships for students who **apply from abroad**.

You can apply if you:

- come from **Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, the People’s Republic of China, the Philippines, or Vietnam**
- hold a **university degree** (mostly a Bachelor degree)
- intend to acquire a **Master’s degree** or a **PhD** or conduct **research** (2-6 months for established university lecturers) at a German university
- are engaged as a **Roman Catholic**; candidates belonging to **other religions and denominations** who are interested in our program and open to **interreligious dialogue** are also welcome

Scholarship Program 2 (S2)

These are scholarships for students who **already started to study in Germany**.

You can apply if you:

- come from any **country in Asia**
 - intend to acquire a **Master’s degree** or a **PhD** at a German university
 - have some knowledge of **German** (at least at a general level of communication)
 - are engaged as a **Roman Catholic**; candidates belonging to **other religions and denominations** who are interested in our program and open to **interreligious dialogue** are also welcome
- ⇒ Please apply at an early stage of your graduate or PhD studies or even shortly before starting (e.g. toward the end of your Bachelor program)
- ⇒ Contact and engage in your local university’s **Catholic Chaplaincies (KHG/KSG)**. They will handle the application and recommendation for you.

Sur-Place and Third-Country Scholarships (SP/DLS)

The idea of this program is to enable promising students from our countries of focus to study either in their home country or in a country closer to their home than Germany.

While universities waive tuition fees, local dioceses suggest suitable candidates and KAAD assists in the selection process. Since 2001, the Diocese of Regensburg, together with KAAD and local dioceses, has been strongly engaged in enabling young Catholic students from Myanmar to study at the Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand. Likewise, KAAD supports the Bettina Kattermann Foundation in strengthening the medical sector in Myanmar by sponsoring graduate students of medicine and related subjects to continue their studies at Mahidol University in Bangkok. We welcome additional initiatives in this field!

Countries of focus:

- Bangladesh
- Indonesia
- Myanmar
- People’s Republic of China
- Philippines
- Vietnam

