Who we are

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is the largest Political Foundation in Germany. It offers political education in Germany and in more than 80 countries to forward peace, freedom and justice. We support graduate students and young professionals in Germany and abroad. More than 10,000 alumni worldwide keep in touch with each other and with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

Every year, our foundation organises several international selection conferences in different countries all over the world to find young talented people who are interested in studying in Germany. In 2019, selection conferences will take place in Hong Kong SAR/PR China for Asia-Pacific. If you are living in this region, you may send your written application directly to KAS Office Hong Kong. Each subject is eligible.

KAS Scholarships cover tuition fees and living costs in Germany.

Prerequisites for an application

- Having attained a university degree equivalent to either a Bachelor or Master degree that included a thesis or attaining the equivalent degree before the start of the program in Germany;
- Having studied at a university for at least eight semesters;
- Having achieved a grade point average (GPA) of at least 80% of the maximum achievable score both in high school and at the university. When applying to a program in Germany with a numerus clausus (a minimum grade requirement), individuals need to achieve 90% of the maximum achievable score both in high school and at university;
- Being able to speak German, preferably on the level A2 or higher;
• Applicants should generally not be older than 30, although an exception may be granted on a case-by-case basis;

• Please download and fill out the application form and attach the following documents:
  
  o A meaningful CV in tabular form including details about your previous voluntary work or social commitment
  
  o Copies of your examination certificates with a German translation if the originals are not in English
  
  o Copies of your studies' performance records if you have been studying at a University in Germany
  
  o Proof of German language skills
  
  o An informal academic letter of recommendation: This opinion should provide information about your academic qualifications and potential; it should not be older than two months. The author has to be a university professor or teacher holding a doctoral degree.
  
  o An informal letter of recommendation concerning the applicant's personality: This opinion should focus on your personality and interests as well as on your understanding of values and your social commitment. The author cannot be the same as that providing the academic letter of recommendation.
  
  o Certificate of admission or matriculation from your university in Germany

• If applying for a doctoral scholarship, please attach additionally:
  
  o A detailed description of your doctoral thesis: This exposé, written in German or English (4-5 pages), should outline the central research question of your proposed project, its scientific relevance, your theoretical approach and the motives behind your choice of the research subject. It should also contain a work and schedule and a bibliography.
  
  o A second academic letter of recommendation: This second opinion should be written by the supervisor of your doctoral thesis, providing you already have one. It replaces the letter of recommendation concerning the applicant's personality.
About the selection procedure

**Pre-selection**
There will be a preliminary selection among all completed applications received on time. Based on the above-mentioned requirements of our scholarship program, we will decide whether to invite you to a selection conference or to reject your application. In specific cases, an application may be deferred if the candidate does not yet meet all requirements but has given the impression that he/she might be able to do so in the foreseeable future.

**The selection conference**
The final decision awarding a scholarship is taken by a committee at a selection conference. During a 30 to 40 minute interview, you have the opportunity to introduce yourself personally to the selection committee. The discussion involves questions about your personal and academic career, your planned studies or research in Germany as well as about your motivation and personal values. In general, the committee consists of one representative of our Sponsorship Program for Foreign Students and of two auditors with academic expertise in the applicant’s area of study or research. On the international selection conferences held outside of Germany, the head of the regional KAS Office will be a member of the committee.

**Submission Date**
The documents should be handed in at latest on 20th January 2019 to

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