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Date: 2 September 2012

**Subject: German-Egyptian Research Long Term Scholarship  
2013/2014 (GERLS)**

Dear Prof. Dr. Aly Shams El-Din,

In continuation to the academic and scientific cooperation between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Federal Republic of Germany and deepening the efforts that has been exerted in the German-Egyptian Year of Science & Technology in 2007 which came out with several jointly financed scholarship programs between the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), both parties are pleased to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> call for the German-Egyptian Research Long Term Scholarship Program (GERLS) for the academic year 2013/2014.

GERLS Program is provided to candidates who desire to obtaining or completing their PHD in one of the German Universities under the supervision of German Professors.

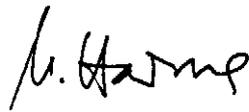
The Program offers up to 81 Scholarship for young motivated doctoral candidates whom Master degree is generally not older than 3 years.

In this regard, we will highly appreciate your support by disseminating the information sheets attached to the GERLS target segments and all candidates who are interested to study and research in Germany.

For more information kindly visit website: <http://cairo.daad.de/en>

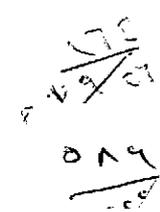
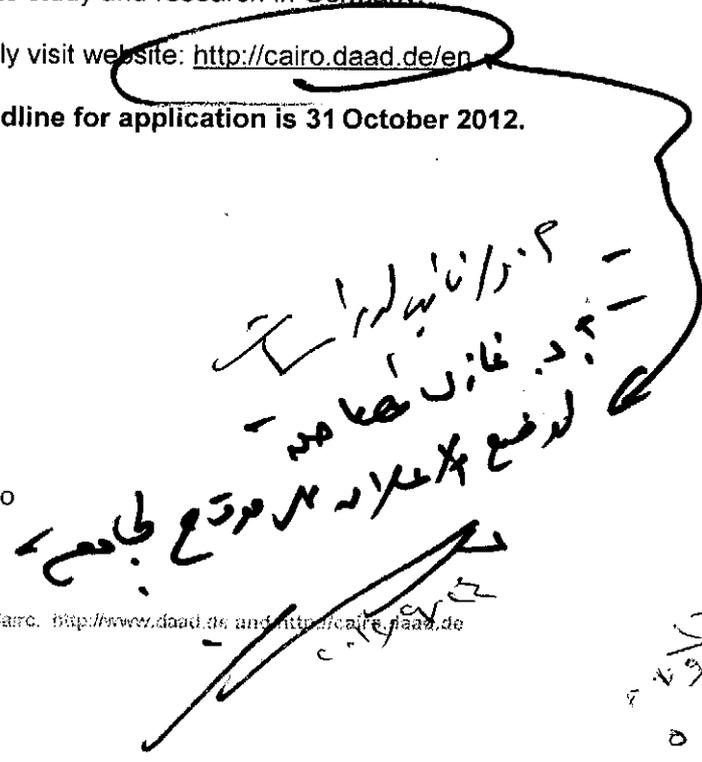
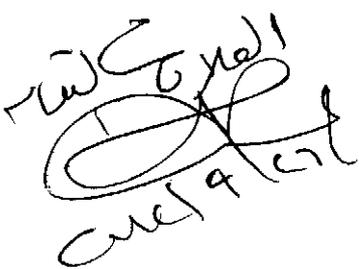
Please note that the deadline for application is 31 October 2012.

Best regards,



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Director of the DAAD Cairo

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**German Egyptian Research Long-Term Scholarship to the Federal Republic of Germany  
"GERLS"**

As an outcome of success achieved during the German-Egyptian Year of Science & Technology 2007, a cooperation agreement has been made between the Ministry of Higher Education of the Arab Republic of Egypt "MoHE" and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD). Funds made available by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education have been allocated to create a program offering up to 81 postgraduate scholarships for Egyptian doctoral candidates.

**The target group of this program will be comprised of Egyptian researchers who generally have been awarded M.A. / M.Sc. degrees in the past three years.**

**1. Background and objective**

Within the framework of the long-standing cooperation between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Federal Republic of Germany, and in partial fulfillment of the MoHE and DAAD aims and objectives; as well as in consideration of the funding resources and regulations of both parties, the aforementioned parties have agreed to create the "German Egyptian Research Long Term Scholarships" (GERLS).

**2. Aim and duration of doctoral studies in Germany**

Each year a group of researchers will be sent to Germany for doctoral scholarships in the scientific fields. Priorities will be agreed upon by DAAD and MoHE.

The GERLS program will be administered by the DAAD in close cooperation with the MoHE and German universities. Generally speaking, the scholarships within this program are awarded for 12 months, subject to extension up to 42 months.

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**GERLS Call 2013/2014**

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Candidates can select adequately structured PhD courses or PhD supervisors in Germany themselves in order to join the GERLS program. However, dual funding from universities offering such courses and the GERLS program are not permitted. DAAD Cairo Office and MoHE will support the candidates whenever necessary.

The following definitions will be used throughout this sheet:

**“Full Ph.D.” Scholarship:**

- Target: in all fields of study except the ones mentioned under “Specialization” (except for academic studies).
- Degree: Ph.D. will be awarded by a German university.
- Duration: up to 42 months.

**“Channel” Scholarship:**

- Target: in all fields of study except the ones mentioned under Specialization.
- Degree: Ph.D. will be awarded by an Egyptian university,
- Duration: up to 24 months.

**“Specialization” scholarship:**

- Target: for the study of medicine, fine and applied arts, architecture and music
- Degree: without resulting in a degree
- Duration: up to 24 months.

**Special case:**

Applicants from the fields of **arts, music and architecture** form a special case. Their applications will undergo an additional selection in Germany. Such additional selection activities in Germany will be implemented according to the procedures of the German Specialized Arts and Music Committee and in competition with candidates from other countries. A personal interview could be conducted at the time of the final selection procedures in Egypt. The funding of these scholarships, however, is part of the GERLS program.

***For more information, please refer to the additional information sheet for Artists.***

**3. Time line of the program:**

- **Call for Application:** As of 01.07.2012 to 31.10.2012
- **Pre-Selection Procedures:** from November 2012 to January 2013
- **Final Selection Procedures:** March 2013
- **Final Selection Results:** April 2013
- **Start of Language Course in Egypt:** May 2013
- **First Travel Date for the start of the language course in Germany:**
  - **For Full PHD:** October 2013
  - **For Channel and Specialization:** November/December 2013
- **Start of the Academic Semester in Germany:** April 2014

**Kindly note that all above mentioned dates are subject to change without prior notice.**

**4. Program priorities**

The program is open for all subjects; nevertheless, the call 2013/2014 will put special emphasis on social sciences and humanities.

**5. Language Requirements****5.1 English Language Requirements:**

- All applicants shall submit proof of English language skills/abilities.
- This shall be either IELTS (band 6) certificate or institutional TOEFL (minimum score 550) or international TOEFL (minimum score 80).

**N.B.**

- ⇒ Applicants, who are not holding the above mentioned certificates, will have to undergo a certain language test on their own expenses after the deadline for application to proof their skills. The DAAD Cairo office may arrange for the test dates at a later stage.
- ⇒ Sufficient proof of English skills is an eligibility criteria.

## 5.2. German Language Requirements:

- The German language is not considered as an entry requirement by the time of the application; however, it is a plus.
- All final selected candidates will receive an intensive language course for a period of two months.
- A placement test will be conducted to all applicants who have knowledge of German language and have indicated this in their application form.
- Applicants from the field of German studies and German school graduates will be exempted from the language course in Egypt and in Germany.

## 6. Pre-selection application package

- Candidates have to submit **3 sets (1 Original and 2 photo copies)** from the documents stated below at the DAAD Cairo office (in hard copies). The exact date of submission will be announced on the DAAD website.

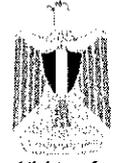
### 6.1 Requirements from research institution / university staff members:

- 1- Application form including the research proposal  
(<http://cairo.daad.de/en/studyingresearchgermany/scholarshipforeigners/doctoralcandidates/>).  
Handwriting application will not be accepted.
- 2- CV including a complete list of publications, if available, with a maximum of 3 pages. We recommend using the europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>.
- 3- Copy of passport
- 4- Three personal photos.
- 5- Acceptance letter or an email from a German professor showing that the research project under preparation is feasible and can be conducted in Germany under his supervision. The acceptance letter should state **the title, time frame** (exact duration and starting date of supervision according to the program timeline should be stated) and **objectives of the project**. The acceptance letter should not be older than six months from the time of application.
- 6- A signed and stamped official endorsement letter from the applicant's home institution (**template of which is available on the DAAD website**).
- 7- A signed and stamped official statement of employment (بيان حالة) issued from the applicants' institution/ university. The statement should indicate that the applicant is affiliated to this

- institution/ university at the time of application under the current position and should reflect a complete history of employment (a minimum of two employment years are a must).
- 8- Proof of PhD registration in one of the Egyptian universities for the candidates who apply for **Channel or Specialization system**.
  - 9- Proof of the ethical commission's approval on working on animals/ human beings if the type of research includes such experiments (If applicable).
  - 10- Proof of English language abilities: either IELTS (band 6) certificate or institutional TOEFL (minimum score 550) or international TOEFL (minimum score 80).
  - 11- Summary of Master's thesis on one page.
  - 12- Two recommendation letters (**template of which is available on the DAAD website**).

#### **6.2 Requirements from non-university staff members:**

- 1- Application form including the research proposal  
(<http://cairo.daad.de/en/studyingresearchgermany/scholarshipforeigners/doctoralcandidates/>)  
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- 6- A motivation letter from the applicant.
- 7- A declaration from the applicant to assure that he/ she will settle the matter of his/ her needed vacation with his/ her company/ university. It is the responsibility of the applicant to acquire the needed leave form from his/her institution.
- 8- An endorsement/support letter, signed by the employer, to assure his/ her support and agreement if possible.



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All applicants will be able to retrieve their pre-selection result via the DAAD website on the date indicated in the time line. The pre-selection results will be announced on the following website:

<http://cairo.daad.de>

***Please note that incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will not be considered.***

**N.B** Applicants from the field of Archaeology and Islamic studies could submit the application in German language; however applicants from the field of German studies have to submit the application in German.

### **7. Selection of candidates**

The candidates will be selected in two rounds. First, a pre-selection procedure will identify the group of applicants to be invited for the second phase consisting of a personal interview with the GERLS bi-national independent selection committee. Pre- and final selection of the candidates will be conducted according to, but not limited to following criteria:

- Excellent study achievement.
- Good command of languages: English language command is required, while German language command is a plus.

- Scientific merits, including:
  - A -Quality of the proposal
  - B -The benefit to Egypt
  - C -Preparation and feasibility of the project
  - D -Quality of the acceptance letter

**8. Stipend:**

The GERLS scholarship includes:

- A monthly basic stipend of 1000 Euros for a Ph.D. candidate, plus individual surcharges and standard annual allowances.
- A monthly family allowance if applicable.
- An allowance for health insurance.
- German language course and cultural preparation course.

***Such amounts are subject to change and will always be adapted according to the general regulations for DAAD scholarships.***

**9. German language courses****9.1 In Egypt:**

- Each scholarship holder is entitled to receive German language and intercultural training in Egypt up to two months before the candidates' travel to Germany.
- Distribution among language centers will be defined by the DAAD Cairo office.
- After the elapse of language course a unified final exam will be conducted at Goethe Institute Cairo/ Alexandria.
- For the candidates who didn't pass the final exam the DAAD may offer the possibility to attend the second crash course at the Goethe Institute and therefore a second test.
- In that case, the decision will be taken by the DAAD. The test fees should be covered by the candidate whereas the crash course fees will be covered by DAAD.
- A per diem will be provided to the scholarship holders according to the distance between the scholars' home University/Institute and language course center.
- Scholarship holders are expected to arrange for their own health and liability insurance for these courses.



### 9.2 In Germany:

- Each scholarship holder will receive an intensive German language course in Germany up to 6 months.
- All scholarship holders are expected to achieve the B2 German language level.
- Scholarship holders from the field of Medicine must achieve the B2 German language level in order to obtain the temporary license to practice medicine in Germany. In addition applicants might have to undergo an additional test, which will be conducted in German language. The test will measure your knowledge in two mandatory disciplines (Internal Medicine and Surgery) plus a third optional discipline.
- Failing in the language course will have consequences that will be borne by the scholarship holder.
- During the language course duration the following aspects will be covered:
  - The costs of accommodation.
  - The costs of health, accident and liability insurances.
  - Travel allowance from the language center to the host institution or university at the end of the language course in Germany.
  - The return costs from the language course location to the host University /Institution for a preparatory visit may be paid.

### 10. Please note that:

- Applicants from the field of Music, Architecture & Fine arts have to submit their portfolio at the DAAD Cairo office right after the application deadline 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2012. For more details, kindly refer to the respective information sheet.
- Scholarships granted to applicants from private universities/ ministries or freelancers will be limited in numbers.
- There are no quotas for individual institutions or disciplines.
- Priority will be given to younger scientists.
- Final selection phase will be based on the interviews, which will take place in the first quarter of 2013 at the DAAD premises in Cairo; however, the exact date will be defined later by the DAAD Cairo office.

- The DAAD is not in the position to inform the applicants about the reasons of the committee's decision.
- If the research proposal requires a field study to be conducted in Egypt, kindly refer to the field study information sheet and indicate it in the application.
- **Among the reasons for disqualifying an application are the following :**
  - a) Wrong history information and misleading information about previous applications.
  - b) Incomplete application.
  - c) Submitting two different proposals or two different accounts in one cycle.
  - d) Dual application with other programs (kindly refer to the dual application matrix).
  - e) Dual nationality of applicant.
  - f) Hand made changes and corrections in the acceptance letter.
  - g) **Plagiarism** (e.g. copied data from the internet without stating the references).
  - h) Fraudulant documents.
- Generally applicants should not reside outside Egypt for more than six months at the time of application.
- The application for the GERLS scholarship program is limited to 3 trial times.
- GERSS Alumni targeting a PhD title are encouraged to apply for the GERLS program after returning back to Egypt provided that they fulfill the requirements of the GERLS program.
- GERLS candidates who have been accepted but could not make use of the scholarship due to justifiable reasons or budget limitations will be exempted from the pre-selection procedure and will be automatically invited to the interview of the call following the year of their application providing that they are applying with the same proposal and a new acceptance letter with a recent date. Normal application procedure is, however, mandatory for these candidates.
- Applicants should indicate any changes in their proposal and what has been developed and/or changed since the last call
- GERLS scholarship holders and applicants whose spouse has been granted a DAAD or MoHE scholarship should inform the DAAD accordingly.
- Candidates should pass the language course in Egypt and Germany as well. The required level to be reached in Germany is B2, unless otherwise prescribed by the host university.
- Medicine candidates should be employed by their home university 2 years after residency period.

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- Changes in the submitted proposal will require the approval of the independent selection committee and a new endorsement letter of the home university.
- The award of scholarships is subject to the availability of funds.

***An incomplete application is the responsibility of the applicant.***

## **11. Further Information and Inquires:**

### **11.1 Information:**

This info sheet is also available on the following website:

- <http://cairo.daad.de>

### **11.2 General Inquires:**

General inquiries concerning documents submitted or program description should be directed to Mr. Mohamed Fathy

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Tel.: 27352726 – 27384127 Ext. 124

Fax: 27384136

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We would like to draw your attention that DAAD is offering proposal writing workshops for doctoral candidates on the DAAD premises. For interested applicants, kindly check our website: <http://cairo.daad.de> or send us an e-mail: [kairo.akademie@daadcairo.org](mailto:kairo.akademie@daadcairo.org).

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**German - Egyptian Research Long-Term Scholarship "GERLS"  
"Additional Information for Applicants from Medical Fields"**

The GERLS program funds study and research stays in Germany for young Egyptian scientists from the fields of human, dental and veterinary medicine.

***Type of funding for applicants from medical fields:***

The following projects are funded in the form of research grants scheduled to run for up to one year and can be extended for a second and final year. The longer grant period has to be applied for in the initial application.

- Continuing clinical training (e.g. as part of the specialist medical training being completed in the home country).
- Research projects.
- Stays to collect materials for a dissertation / doctoral thesis to then be written in the home country or for a publication.

***Please note: the GERLS program does not fund complete medical specialization courses lasting several years in Germany.***

Grant holders who practice medicine in Germany (a training section completed in Germany as part of the medical specialist training is also considered as the practice of medicine) or who have direct contacts with patients require a permit for the temporary practice of medicine issued by the regional government office in the federal state in which their host university is located. This means that applicants whose project involves working with patients not only have to meet the general application requirements for the research grants program as such, but they also have to meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must have completed at least 7 years of medical training with a university degree. Egyptian doctors must additionally be able to present proof of at least three years of professional practice following completion of their medical training.
- Applicants must also hold an unconditional license to practice medicine in their home country.

Grant holders whose grants are scheduled to run for more than six months must submit the application for a "permit for the temporary practice of medicine" via the DAAD office in Cairo to avoid any unnecessary delays. The required papers and documents must be obtained in the home country before the scholarship and preliminary language course in Germany so that the DAAD office in Cairo may forward them to the DAAD in Bonn in due time.

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**Medicine Info Sheet - GERLS Call 2013/2014**

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Please note that it may take several weeks before the relevant regional government office issues this permit.

**Documents required for the receipt of a temporary permission for doctors and dentists to practice their profession within the framework of further training (more information will follow after the final acceptance):**

1. Up-to-date, signed curriculum vitae with a photograph - please be sure to indicate your course of studies and medical career.
2. Officially certified copy of your birth certificate or passport with an endorsement as proof of your nationality; your marriage certificate, if applicable.
3. Officially certified proof of your complete dental / medical training and a certified translation of all certificates relating to your medical activities (degree in medicine, etc.)
4. Recent medical certificate worded as follows:  
*"There is no evidence that the applicant is not able or unsuited to work as a doctor/dentist because of a physical handicap, addiction or a weakness of his/her mental or physical state".*
5. Recent confirmation from the relevant local authority in your home country indicating that you have not been prosecuted and that no professional disciplinary measures have been taken or initiated against you.
6. Recent confirmation from the ministry of health of your home country stating the following:
  - a. You are authorized to practice as a doctor /dentist without any restriction.
  - b. Your further training in Germany in your specialist field will be in the interest of your home country.
7. A written declaration that you will return to your home country after completing or discontinuing your further training in Germany.

**Important Note:** A work permit in Germany will be granted by the foreigners' registration office on presentation of your permission to practice and letter of award.

At the time of application for the work permit, candidates will be informed about the required documents. All documents will have to be translated into German language and certified by the German embassy in Cairo.

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## German Egyptian Research Long-Term Scholarship "GERLS" Channel-System

Since the Channel-System has developed into one of the most successful programs at the DAAD, the Egyptian and the German sides agree that the doctorate research pursued within the special channel-arrangements should serve both the professional career of the individual candidate and the development of the Egyptian universities and society.

### *Advantages of the Channel-System*

The joint supervision of doctorate research widens the scale of Egyptian - German scientific cooperation and strengthens the Ph.D. programs at Egyptian universities.

- By keeping the candidate's work closely connected with and integrated into their home universities, reintegration problems or "brain drain" can be avoided or at least minimized.
- Research projects can be tailored to the actual scientific, technical and economic needs of the Egyptian society.
- The advantages and disadvantages of the university and research system in both countries can be compared and used to the benefit of both sides.
- The time period necessary to obtain the Ph.D. degree can be shortened as the problems connected with the adequate recognition of degrees will be limited.
- The involvement into and experience with a different culture is still guaranteed.

### *Procedure*

1. Upon identification of the appropriate German and Egyptian supervisor (professor at any Egyptian or German university), both sides work out a detailed plan of research for the candidate's dissertation. For this purpose, the German professor may visit his Egyptian counterpart and the candidate at their home university.
2. The doctoral research in Germany must concentrate on topics relevant for the development of Egypt.
3. The candidate registers for the Channel-Program at any Egyptian university, then applies for the GERLS-scholarship through the regular procedure and enrolls in a 2-month German language course in Egypt.
4. Upon award of the scholarship, the candidate travels to Germany and attends a language course (up to 4 months) at a suitable institution before the beginning of the research project.

5. After the language training, the candidate starts his doctoral research with his Germany supervisor. The stay and research work in Germany may last one to two years. During the candidate's stay in Germany, the Egyptian supervisor may visit his German counterpart and the candidate at the German university.
6. Upon completion of the research work in Germany, the candidate returns to Egypt in order to complete the dissertation and take his final examination. The German supervisor may participate in the final examinations.
7. The field studies may be completed after finishing the scholarship according to the agreement between both supervisors. This approval by the supervisors, however, needs to be obtained before the final selection takes place and the relevant document should be submitted to the selection committee.

**Please Note:** Within the Channel program, field studies during the time of the scholarship will not be financed.

### Requirements

In addition to general requirements stated in the GERLS general information sheet, doctorate candidates for a GERLS-scholarship within the framework of the Channel-System must submit additional following documents:

- Proof of your PHD registration at your home university/Institution
- Acceptance letter by an Egyptian supervisor and his contact details including address, telephone, mobile and email address
- Proof of communication between the two supervisors in Egypt and in Germany.
- Proof of opening a scientific channel *فتح قناة علمية* at your home university

In connection with the scholarship, GERLS program provides financial assistance (living expenses) for the Egyptian supervisor to visit Germany, and a lump sum for international travel expenses (flight) for the German supervisor to visit Egypt (if necessary two times i.e. to discuss the scholarship holder's research with the Egyptian counterpart prior to the beginning of the scholarship and to participate in the Ph. D. examination in Egypt following up the scholarship).

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# German Egyptian Research Long Term Scholarship (GERLS)

## Description

Up to 81 long term scholarships for Egyptian doctoral candidates for PhD research in Germany. Priority will be given to younger scientists.

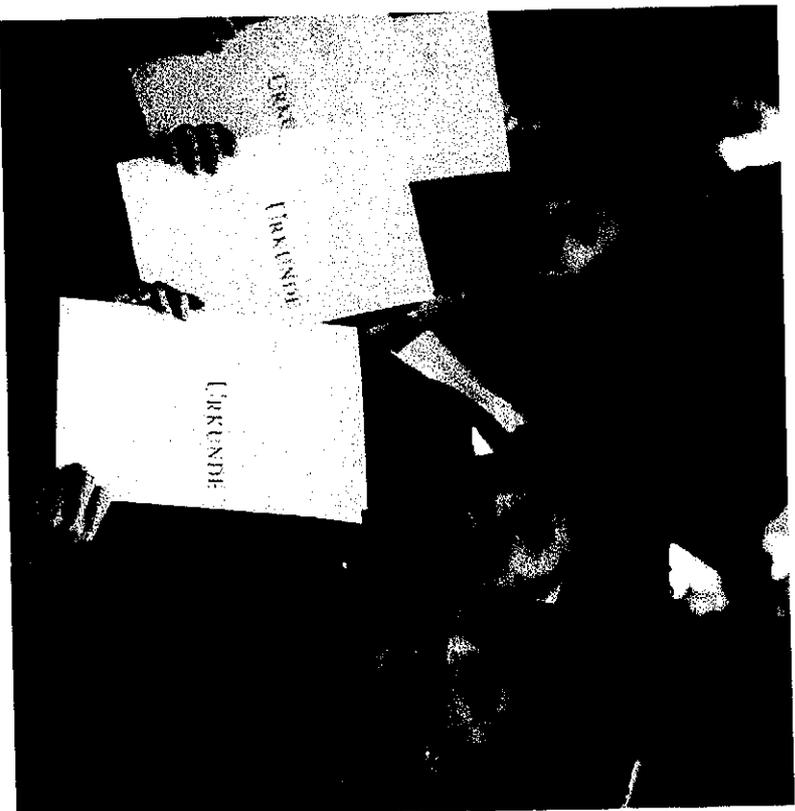
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## Target Group

Egyptian researchers holding M.A. / M.Sc. degrees which should generally not be older than 3 years.



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# German Egyptian Research Long Term Scholarship (GERLS)

## Call for Application

Call for Application: 1<sup>st</sup> July

Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> October

## Contacts

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