

Hilde Domin – Programme at Paderborn University

If you are not yet in Germany and are currently or in the future unable to complete your MA or Doctorate studies due to a personal threat situation, you can apply for a nomination to the [Hilde Domin Programme](#).

The **application deadline** for a nomination via Paderborn University ends four weeks before the DAAD nomination deadline. The **internal university application deadline** for the spring therefore ends on **15 February** for a nomination by 15 March of a given year and on **15 August** for a nomination by 15 September of that year. The scholarship starts one year after successful nomination and selection by the DAAD.

If you are interested in applying, please familiarise yourself with the programme [FAQs](#) in advance. Please note that multiple nominations do not increase your chances of receiving a scholarship and refrain from applying if you have already been nominated by a German university. Please also note that your last university degree must not have been awarded more than six years ago.

If you would like to apply for a nomination, please proceed as follows:

University entrance qualification (HZB) check: Before applying, you can use the [DAAD admissions database](#) to check whether you fulfil the minimum requirements for **direct subject-specific** or **general admission** in Germany.

1. Download, complete and sign the [application for admission](#). Please follow the [information sheet](#) for the application.

For **question 1**, 'Desired degree programme', please select **only** degree programmes from the [study offer at Paderborn University](#). If you wish to study for a Master's degree, please ensure that it is consecutive to your Bachelor's degree.

Doctoral candidates will need a supervisor and a so called "**Betreuungszusage**" (written confirmation from the supervisor that you have been accepted as a doctoral candidate) in order to apply for nomination. Information about starting a doctorate at Paderborn University can be found [here](#).

2. Add **relevant certificates in the original language**:

- Secondary school leaving certificate with individual grades
- University entrance examination, if passed
- Degree certificates
- Overview of subjects and grades for all years of study (transcript)
- Language certificates in English or German with level B2 (CERF) or higher, which are usually not older than two years at the time of application

3. Add **official translation of certificates**. Exception: certificates whose original language is English or German.

4. Complete **curriculum vitae** in tabular form (max. 3 pages)

5. **Letter of risk** (1 to 2 pages) explaining the personal risk/hazard situation. Please attach supporting documents, if available (newspaper articles, radio or TV reports, social media posts, etc.)

6. **Letter of motivation** (1 to 2 pages) explaining the academic, professional and personal motives for studying at a German university

7. **Language certificates** or proof of proficiency in English or German (corresponding to level B2 or higher of the CEFR), which are generally not older than two years at the time of application.

Please send the documents in **one** PDF document to:

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