

E4D Continuing Education Scholarship, Call 2021

Application Criteria

Background

The Engineering for Development (E4D) Continuing Education Scholarship Programme covers travel and accommodation costs for candidates from low-income countries to attend **continuing education programmes at ETH Zurich**. The scholarship does not cover the programme fees of the continuing education programme.

The goal of the E4D Continuing Education Scholarship Programme is to enhance the knowledge and skills of future leaders by contributing to capacity development of professionals in low-income countries. The E4D Programme is funded through the [Sawiris Foundation for Social Development](#).

The E4D Continuing Education Scholarship Programme covers the following continuing education programmes¹: ETH Master of Advanced Studies (MAS), Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) and Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS).

Type of programmes eligible for the E4D scholarship

[All MAS, DAS and CAS programmes](#) at ETH Zurich are open for E4D Continuing Education Scholarships².

¹ This does not include MSc or Doctoral study programmes.

² <https://www.ethz.ch/content/associates/continuing-education/en/programme-und-kurse/angebot-nach-programmart.html>

Financial Support

The E4D Continuing Education Scholarship covers the following expenses:

- Economy roundtrip ticket (max. 2'000 CHF)³
- Visa fees
- Living allowance for the duration of the programme: 2'300 CHF per month if the programme is longer than 3 weeks (full-time programme). 800 CHF per week if the programme duration is up to 3 weeks.^{4/5}
- ETH general tuition fee: 660 CHF per semester (in the form of a tuition fee waiver)

Note: Programme fees will not be covered by the E4D Continuing Education Scholarship.

The student needs to cover the programme fees by themselves or find another scholarship to cover this expenditure (not through this scholarship). The programme fees are listed on the corresponding webpages.

Some of the programmes offer a fee reduction for candidates from low-income countries. Please get in touch with the programme coordinator to inquire whether a fee reduction can be granted.

Eligibility

The candidate must hold a **completed and recognised Master's degree** from a university and proof of professional working experience of at least 2 years.

The minimum English standard is TOEFL level C1.

The scholarship is open to candidates from **countries classified as Least Developed Countries, Low Income Countries and Lower Middle-Income Countries according to the [DAC-list of the OECD](#)**⁶. The list of eligible countries can be found in Appendix 1.

Candidates need to be accepted by the [School for Continuing Education](#), ETH Zurich (central

³ Expenses for flight tickets and visa fees are reimbursed in cash once the awarded student has arrived in Switzerland.

⁴ In case there are several length of study periods, always the shortest study period will be considered.

⁵ The monthly living allowances will be disbursed in cash at the cashier of ETH Zurich at the beginning of every month.

⁶ <http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2021-flows.pdf>



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administrative unit of the continuing education programmes at ETH Zurich) as well as the MAS, DAS or CAS programme offices.

Application Process

The application process comprises two steps.

1. Application to the selected MAS, DAS or CAS programme (independent from the E4D application).
2. Application to the E4D Continuing Education Scholarship Programme.

Note: Candidates will only be considered for an E4D Continuing Education Scholarship **if admitted to an ETH MAS, DAS or CAS programme**. The admission confirmation letter from the School for Continuing Education for the respective semester is a compulsory part of the E4D application.

Step 1: Application to MAS, DAS or CAS programme

Consult the programme webpage and/or the programme management to receive information on the deadlines, programme fees, application procedures and application documentation for the selected MAS, DAS or CAS programme.

All MAS programmes are listed here: http://bit.ly/ETH_MAS

All DAS programmes are listed here: http://bit.ly/ETH_DAS

All CAS programmes are listed here: http://bit.ly/ETH_CAS

Step 2: Application for the E4D Continuing Education Scholarship

Compulsory application documentation:

- » CV⁷ of the candidate (max. 2 pages)
- » MSc or Masters Diploma and academic transcript(s) including grades
- » 1-2 page application letter, stating the motivation to attend the programme and the impact for the candidate's career development and beyond.
- » Two professional reference letters
- » Formal admission letter by the School for Continuing Education confirming that the candidate is admitted to the MAS, DAS or CAS programme.
- » Certificate of employment. The certificate of employment letter must be sent to the E4D programme office (e4d@sl.ethz.ch) directly through the employer (and not the candidate).

⁷ CV has to include date of birth, gender and nationality.

- » Certificate of English level (minimum TOEFL level C1). If the programme requires a minimal level in another language, proof of this acquired level must also be submitted.

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Application Deadline

30 April 2021 (notification June 2021)

Application must be submitted [online](#). Applications submitted via e-mail cannot be considered.

Evaluation of the applications

The ETH4D Exchanges and Scholarship committee consists of members of the ETH4D Executive Office and an external member. The scholarship scheme is competitive. Applicants are notified at the latest two months after application deadlines.

Contact and further information

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