

MSc Global Health FAQ

GENERAL

What can I do with a degree in Global Health?

This continuing education degree program is designed to enable graduates to progress in their current career paths in health-related management, policy-making or consulting, in health and social advocacy, or in the implementation of current or expanded health governance for ministries, academic institutions, NGOs and transnational enterprises. This program is not specifically designed to prepare the student for a career in academics.

A master's degree in Global Health, International Health, or other related fields is frequently a requirement for careers in national or international institutions and agencies. These include organizations such as the WHO, the Global Fund, the World Bank, UNEP and UNICEF. Graduates in Global Health are also highly sought after in the private healthcare sector, pharmaceutical companies and research centers for health technology.

When does the program begin?

The MSc Global Health program begins in the Winter Semester on 1 October each year and runs through 30 September of the following year. The last three months of the program (July to September) constitute the master's thesis research and the thesis colloquium presentation, and can be completed remotely if the student chooses.

Do you offer part-time study?

Part-time study with a reduced number of mandatory in-person classes is possible. Required coursework can be extended up to six semesters. Please see the Module Handbook for further information, especially points 8 and 9, for the individual modules. No additional program fees are charged for extending the normal 2-semester period of study.

Each of the four core modules includes 10h (2 days) of on-site teaching, during which you are expected to be on campus in Bonn. Oral examinations and presentations can take place online. There is one written examination (PM3) which requires on-site attendance.

Of the four elective modules offered in Bonn (adding up to 20 ECTS), one can be completed fully online (WPM2). Courses offered by the tropEd network, many of which take place online, can be substituted for these ECTS credits. Please note, tropEd courses can come with additional costs.

How much does the program cost?

The cost of this two-semester continuing education program is 9.930,00 € (9700 € program fees + (115 € X 2) semester registration fees). Please note, all students must pay matriculation and re-registration fees (115 € per semester), also when you hold a scholarship or stipend.

You will be enrolled as a postgraduate student. Postgraduate students are not eligible for the University of Bonn student fare on public transport ('Semester Ticket').

What is the cost of living in Bonn?

Further information on living expenses and mandatory health insurance can be found [here](#).

APPLICATION

How many intakes do you have per year?

We have a single intake each year for this 2 semester master's program, generally beginning 1 September for the Winter Semester of the following year.

Can I send you my CV and transcript before I apply to find out whether I meet the criteria?

We cannot make any prior assessment as to your eligibility. Please check our website and decide for yourself if your degree is situated "in the area of health, life sciences and social sciences, also including such disciplines as public and international law, environmental planning, health governance or health economics". The first degree requirement is designed to be fairly broad for this continuing education degree program. Other admission requirements such as relevant work and volunteer experience are important additional criteria for admission.

Does my degree fulfil the 240 ECTS points?

Further information on ECTS credits can be found [here](#).

Can missing ECTS credits be obtained later?

A prerequisite for admission is a first degree of 240 ECTS or the equivalent. The University of Bonn requires a total of 300 ECTS credits to award the master's degree. Below this threshold it is not possible to obtain such an academic title. Unfortunately, we do not offer the possibility to make up for missing ECTS credits within the Global Health Masters program. One option may be to complete elective modules with other providers before you are admitted to Bonn.

What level of English Language Proficiency is required?

Successful master's candidates possess a minimum B2 proficiency level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) in both spoken and written English, and knowledge of medical vocabulary.

Self-funded applicants shall submit either a TOEFL, IELTS, DET or a Medium of Instruction certificate from your former university. Please see [English proficiency requirements](#) for further details.

The minimum scores are as follows:

- TOEFL iBT (before Jan 21, 2026) minimum score of 86
- TOEFL iBT (after Jan 21, 2026) minimum score of 4.5
- IELTS Academic minimum overall score Band 6.0
- Duolingo English Test minimum score of 120

Do I need to provide originals of my documents?

Please do not send original documents via Post. Any document received will not be returned. For your application you may send scanned copies of your originals. If you are accepted into the program, you will be asked to present your original certificates for the official University registration after arriving in Bonn.

Do I require an APS certificate?

If you obtained your first degree in India, China, or Vietnam, your application needs to contain an APS certificate. You may apply without a completed APS certificate, but we advise you to start the authentication process of your documents as soon as possible, to simplify and accelerate your student visa process in the case you are accepted to our programme.

Here are the links to the APS in the respective countries:

China: <https://www.aps.org.cn/>

India: <https://aps.india.de>

Vietnam: <https://vietnam.diplo.de/vn-de/willkommen/aktuelles/aps/1236800>

When will the University inform about acceptance and rejections?

The expected timing is late March.

SCHOLARSHIPS

How can I apply for a DAAD EPOS scholarship?

If you intend to apply for the DAAD EPOS scholarship, the profile of typical scholarship awardees and information on the stricter guidelines including the additional documents required for your application is available on the [DAAD EPOS website](#). The application period for DAAD EPOS scholarship applicants usually starts on 1 September, and usually ends on Oct 31. Please follow application instructions carefully and be sure to include all documents, as submissions which do not meet the formal requirements will not be considered.

What level of English Language Proficiency is required for DAAD EPOS scholarship applicants?

A B2 level of English proficiency is required for all applicants. If you are applying for the DAAD scholarship. Please read [English language proficiency](#).

Can you waive the tuition?

Unfortunately, a waiver of fees is not possible. You can look for other funding sources [here](#).

How can I apply for a Hilde Domin Scholarship?

The DAAD German Hilde Domin Scholarship Programme is for international students at risk of being formally or *de facto* denied education or academic rights.

Direct applications are not permitted; all candidates must be nominated by a nominating institution, e.g. the Uni Bonn. After nomination by the university, suitable candidates are contacted by the DAAD and invited to apply via the DAAD online application portal.

To be nominated by the MSc Global Health programme, applicants must provide the following:

1. A completed application demonstrating
 - a. a strong academic record relevant to Global Health and a clear prospects for successful study in Germany (Diploma, Academia Transcript)
 - b. minimum 1 year of postgraduate professional experience (Employment Certificates)
 - c. residence outside of Germany and the European Union
 - d. [English proficiency](#) at B2 level (TOEFL, IELTS, DET, MOI)
2. Credible documentation of denial of civil and educational rights. Evidence may include:
 - a. a personal written account
 - b. written records (e.g. official documents, social media posts, letters detailing/documenting specific incidents etc.)
 - c. witness statements
 - d. as official confirmation of a granted refugee status and/or asylum eligibility

Further information about the scholarship can be found [here](#).

Your request for nomination, including all documentation, must be received by the first week of August for study start in the winter semester (1 October) *of the following year*.

I have a Leadership for Africa scholarship. Can I take part in the MSc Global Health study program?

Unfortunately, the MSc Global Health program at the University of Bonn is not supported under the "Leadership for Africa" program. The scholarships in the "Leadership for Africa" program are designed exclusively for three to four-semester full-time Master's courses. Since the MSc Global Health is a one-year Master's program, it cannot be funded.

Can I defer my admission?

We generally do offer a deferred admission. You can apply again in the next round of admissions.

PREPARING YOUR STAY

Do you help with visa applications?

We have no influence over the visa processes and scheduling at the embassies. You are responsible for obtaining a visa for your stay in Germany. Visa requirements and procedures differ between countries, so please [check the visa process](#) with the German Embassy/Consulate in your home country or your current country of residence.

Students who require a visa may have to extend their visa after three months. Again, depending on your country of origin you can receive a 6-month, 1-year or until the end of your studies extension.

What other specifics do I have to take into consideration as a non-EU citizen?

a) Banking: You must open a German bank account. Many banks offer free student accounts.

b) [Blocked account](#): In order to prove your financial security, some German embassies require students to open a blocked bank account with a German bank containing funds for 12 months' of living expenses.

c) Proof of English proficiency for visa: Each country can ask for different levels of English in order to grant your visa application. Please check with your local German embassy and make your arrangements accordingly.

d) [Health insurance](#): You will have to enroll for German Health insurance

e) [Working regulations](#) for International Students in Germany

How can I find accommodation?

You will need to apply for accommodation once you are admitted to the program.

Please note that Bonn is very popular for students and it remains difficult every year to find a suitable room. Two approaches for securing your accommodation:

a) Register for a dormitory room at: <https://www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/accommodation/>

b) Try to find a room to rent independently e.g. at: <https://www.wg-gesucht.de/>