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DAAD Alumni Event

One Health – From Science to Action: Intersectoral Perspectives on Human, Animal and Environmental Health with participation in the Global Health Policy Conference

20–26 November 2026 | Puducherry, India

Call for Applications 2026

**Application Deadline: October 7th 2026,
22:59 GMT // 23:59 CET**



**For DAAD and Germany Alumni
(including alumni of In-Country / In-Region scholarship program)**



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Introduction

Human health is closely connected to the health of animals and the environment. Challenges such as zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, food safety, emerging infectious diseases, and climate-sensitive health risks cannot be addressed effectively by one discipline or sector alone. The One Health approach provides a framework for understanding these interconnections and for developing integrated and sustainable responses across human, animal, and environmental health.

The **Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH) at Heidelberg University**, in collaboration with the **JIPMER International School of Public Health (JISPH)**, invites applications for the 2026 DAAD Alumni Event "One Health – From Science to Action: Intersectoral Perspectives on Human, Animal, and Environmental Health".

The event combines two closely linked components: participation in the

- **Two-day Global Health Policy Conference on 20–21 November 2026**, followed by the
- **Five-day Alumni Workshop** programme from **22–26 November 2026**.

Participation in both components is an integral part of the event.

The two-day Global Health Policy Conference is organized as part of the ongoing collaboration project between the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH) and the JIPMER International School of Public Health (JISPH). It will bring together academics and professionals from both partner institutions, as well as invited participants from their regional and international networks. The scientific programme will include sessions on One Health, disease outbreak investigation and control, global health policy, and other current global and public health issues. The subsequent alumni workshop will provide a more interactive setting for intensive peer exchange, practical learning, field-based activities, intersectoral discussion, networking, and cultural exchange.

1) What the program offers

The programme combines participation in the Global Health Policy Conference with a five-day alumni workshop focused on practical and interdisciplinary perspectives on One Health.

The workshop will include:

- **Expert input and discussion** on the One Health approach and its relevance for interconnected human, animal, and environmental health challenges.
- **Alumni experience sharing** on One Health-related work, projects, and challenges from different professional and regional contexts.
- **Interactive workshops and group work** on selected One Health topics, including intersectoral collaboration and the development of integrated responses.
- **Case-based and field-based learning** to explore real-world One Health challenges and the interaction between health, veterinary, environmental, and community perspectives.
- **Exchange with local stakeholders** to better understand how One Health approaches are applied in the Indian context.
- **Networking and peer exchange** to strengthen collaboration among alumni and other professionals working across related sectors.

The programme will also include a cultural activity in Tamil Nadu, providing additional opportunities for



informal exchange and networking.

You can find the [Draft Program here](#) (still subject to changes).

2) Who can apply?

The event is open to alumni with a connection to Germany through study and/or DAAD funding. We are committed to achieving a balanced representation across genders, regions, academic backgrounds, and professional fields.

To apply, you must:

- Be an **alumna or alumnus of German higher education institutions who studied in Germany** with or without DAAD funding.
- Be an **alumna or alumnus of the DAAD In-Country / In-Region Scholarship Programme**, holding a **degree certificate** (Master's or PhD) from the study program funded by DAAD.
- Work in global health or related fields, such as academia, NGOs, public health institutions, clinical practice, or policy.
- Be committed to sharing your learning and multiplying impact within your networks.

As One Health and global health are inherently interdisciplinary, applications from a broad range of academic and professional backgrounds are encouraged.

Applicants must be able to provide evidence of their alumni status.

The programme will be conducted in English; good proficiency in English is therefore required.

3) Contribution to the Alumni Event

The Alumni Event aims to promote the exchange of experiences, good practices, and lessons learned among participants. Active participation is expected from all selected participants. Applicants may choose one of two contribution formats:

Option 1 – Short presentation during the Alumni Workshop

Applicants may prepare a short presentation on a One Health topic from their professional or local context. In the application form, they will be asked to provide a short outline (150–200 words) addressing:

- the One Health topic they plan to present;
- why the issue is important in their local or professional environment; and
- their personal or professional connection to the topic.

Option 2 – Scientific contribution to the Global Health Policy Conference

Alternatively, applicants may submit an abstract for consideration for an oral or poster presentation at the scientific Global Health Policy Conference. The conference invites contributions on One Health, outbreak investigation, global health policy, and related global and public health topics. Applicants choosing this option will be asked to submit an abstract and to indicate their preferred presentation





format.

Applicants are not required to prepare both a workshop presentation and a conference abstract.

4) How to apply?

The application deadline is the **7th of October 2026, 23:59 Central European Time**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

The application will include the following required documents:

1. **Application Form** – fill out the [Online Application Form](#) and upload all requested documents.
2. **Alumni status and proof of eligibility**. Applicants will indicate whether they are DAAD Germany alumni, SP/DL alumni, or alumni of a German higher education institution without DAAD funding, and upload suitable evidence
3. **One-page CV or résumé**. Please provide a concise one-page CV or résumé outlining your educational background, current position, and relevant professional experience.
4. **Statement of Motivation** – Applicants will be asked to explain why they would like to participate and how the event (including both conference and workshop) relates to their professional work.
5. **Participant Contribution** – Applicants will choose either the Alumni workshop presentation or a scientific conference abstract as described above.

Tip: Prepare all documents in advance. The online form cannot be saved for later editing.

5) Selection procedure

Applications received by the deadline will receive full and equal consideration. The number of participants is limited.

Selection will consider:

- Eligibility and demonstrated alumni status;
- Motivation and relevance of the applicant's professional background to the event;
- Quality and relevance of the proposed contribution;
- Geographical distribution;
- Gender balance; and
- Diversity of academic and professional backgrounds.

Previous participation in DAAD-funded alumni events may be taken into account in order to provide access to the programme to a broad range of alumni.

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for a brief online interview. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by **12th October 2026**.



6) Funding

The Alumni Event is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) with financial support from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Selected participants will receive a **scholarship** covering the following:

- **International travel:** economy class airfare from the international capital airport of the participant's country of residence to Chennai, India and return as well as local transport to Puducherry.
- **Visa costs** for a single entry to India
- **Accommodation at JIPMER University guesthouse and meals** for the entire duration of the program in Puducherry
- **All program-related expenses**, including conferenced and workshop participation, training materials, field visits, excursions and social events.

Please note: The scholarship covers the above costs in full. **No additional per diem or separate financial allowances will be provided.**

7) Participant commitment

Participation in the Alumni Workshop requires both financial and personal commitments:

- **Additional expenses:** Certain costs are not covered by the scholarship and must be borne by participants themselves. These include, for example:
 - International travel health insurance,
 - Local travel within your home country to and from the international airport,
 - Any personal expenses during the stay in India.
- **In-kind contribution:** Active participation is expected from all alumni. Each participant is required to prepare and deliver the agreed **workshop contribution** or, where applicable, the **accepted conference presentation/poster**; This contribution is an integral part of the program, as it fosters mutual learning and exchange among participants.
- **Full participation:** By applying, participants commit to attending the full programme, including the Global Health Policy Conference and the Alumni Workshop (20–26 November 2026) and engaging actively in workshops, group work, field visits, and cultural activities.

Further details on terms and conditions will be given to the admitted applicants together with the invitation letter.



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8) Organizing and hosting institutions

This Alumni Event is organized by the **Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH)** at Heidelberg University and will be hosted by **Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER)** in Puducherry, India.

Heidelberg University Profile

Heidelberg University – also known as Ruperto Carola – was established in 1386 and is Germany's oldest university. It is also one of the strongest research universities in all of Europe. Besides enhancing its disciplinary strengths, the University places special emphasis on maintaining the dialogue across traditional subject boundaries as well as international borders.

Numerous great minds have learned, taught and conducted research at Heidelberg University and as many as 56 Nobel Laureates share a connection with the University or the city of Heidelberg.

Today Heidelberg University has twelve faculties with a total of more than 30,000 students and a research and teaching staff of more than 5,000 scientists - among them 450 professors.

Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH)

The HIGH was founded in 1962 and is part of the Heidelberg Medical Faculty. Emerging from the field of tropical medicine its focus has been from the beginning on public health and medicine in low and middle-income countries. The HIGH mission is to contribute to the improvement of health through research, teaching and direct services (consulting) in disadvantaged populations in low and middle-income countries and at home. HIGH's teaching philosophy is to provide insights, information and above all skills in global health for its students and all external participants to its courses and programmes to train the next generation of global health researchers and practitioners.

For more information, visit us on the websites of [Heidelberg University](#) and the [Institute of Global Health](#).

Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER)

JIPMER, located in Puducherry, India, is one of the country's leading institutions for medical education, research, and patient care. Established in 1823 and later designated as an Institute of National Importance by the Government of India, JIPMER has a long tradition of excellence in training healthcare professionals and advancing medical knowledge.

The institute is home to the JIPMER International School of Public Health (JISPH), which provides advanced training in public health, fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, and actively engages in health advocacy to reduce disparities and improve population health.

Through its strong emphasis on education, research, and service, JIPMER plays a vital role in shaping healthcare and public health policy in India and contributes to the global health dialogue.

For more information, visit the websites of [JIPMER](#) and the [JISPH](#).



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We are looking forward to your application.

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