

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) IN RELATION WITH ARERI (WORLD BANK) AND DAAD SCHOLARSHIP.

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- 1. What is the scholarship benefits for Type A, B and C World Bank Scholarships? What was the selection criteria? Why am I not given Type A scholarship?**

Type A. Full Scholarship: Includes monthly stipend, tuition fee, health insurance and transportation cost. It is for top scorer regional students.

Type B. Half Scholarship: Includes monthly stipend and tuition fee. It is for female students with CGPA 3.25 and above and top scorers male students from Ethiopian Higher Education Institutes.

Type C. Part Timer Scholarship: Includes tuition fee only. It is for instructors from regional, national partners and Ethiopian Railways Corporation employees.

Type D. Self-Sponsored Students: shall pay the total amount Birr 40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Birr) for two years MSc program to ARERI. The payment can be made on semester basis.

- 2. What is the revised date of arrival for all students?**

October 7 or 8/ 2017

- 3. When will my student VISA be ready?**

As per the visa process timeline, all regional students except MSc Railway Electrical (Traction and Train Control) students are expected to get their visa by September 14/2017. All regional MSc Railway Electrical (Traction and Train Control) students (both ARERI and DAAD Scholarship students) are expected to get their visa by September 22, 2017.

- 4. You have requested me to send an itinerary, but flights can only booked after payments are made. As I am a World Bank scholarship recipient my travel cost is covered by the scholarship, hence I do not have to pay. What shall I do?**

The World Bank scholarship recipients (regional students) are requested to send their itinerary just to know their flight schedule so that the African Railway Center of Excellence (ARCE) will buy the ticket. Then, the tickets will be sent to the students by September 22, 2017.

- 5. I am new to Addis Ababa and my scholarship benefit includes accommodation, is transportation arranged from the Airport to our dormitories?**

The African Center of Excellence will arrange airport pick up shuttle bus as per the itinerary arrival date and time.

- 6. I am a DAAD scholarship recipient, how is my travel cost covered?**

The DAAD scholarship recipients travel cost is covered by the scholarship itself, tickets will not be bought by the center.

- 7. I am a DAAD scholarship recipient, where can I get an accommodation? What is the average cost of rent places around the campus?**

The DAAD Scholarship covers the accommodation. The average cost to rent a place around the campus is 130 -150 USD. Currently, our Center of Excellence is in the process to provide accommodation for DAAD Scholarship recipients so that students can stay in the university.

- 8. Will there be an orientation as soon as we arrive in Addis Ababa? What are the activities after we get to campus?**

African Railway Center of Excellence has scheduled important activities in the first week after arrival of all students including orientation, program kickoff and welcome events, city tour, a bridge course and railway industry visit.

- 9. How long will the semester be? Will I be able to visit back home during the semester break? Will my return flight cost be covered by the scholarship?**

One year has two semesters and there are 2-3 weeks semester break. The Scholarships (ARERI or DAAD) do not cover any flight cost to visit back home during the study period.

- 10. I am a PhD student, until when shall I submit my study plan?**

The study plan submitted by the selected students during the application is already approved. The study plan is expected to be revised (modified) and finalized in consultation with advisors during the first semester of his/her study.

- 11. I am a PhD student, I wish if a professor back home at my university could co-advise me. Is it possible for me to have a co-adviser from my home country?**

Our Center of Excellence promotes joint PhD research advising. Currently, the Center of Excellence is working hard to secure advisors (professors) both from local overseas. The Center of Excellence provides full support for PhD students to have a research stay for their PhD research in overseas. Therefore, the research stay is approved if the overseas joint PhD research advisor provides research facilities.

12. I am a Type C scholarship recipient, if I perform well during the first semester will my scholarship type be Type B or Type A?

Yes, the Center of Excellence encourages all students in many ways.

13. What does regional partners mean, why did they get preference to receive the scholarships? What is Ethiopian Railway Corporation (ERC), why does its employees get preference to receive the scholarships?

Regional partners are those identified academic institutions (Universities and Research Institutes) and railway industries from Eastern and Southern African Countries that are working closely with our Center of Excellence.

Ethiopian Railways Corporation (ERC) is one of the main supporter and partner railway industry in Ethiopia,

14. How should I send my inquiries to get quick reply? What is the office phone number?

For any inquires, it is possible to contact the office directly via email (arce.aait.et@gmail.com) or telephone no. +251-11-1-261294 during office hours.