



**DAAD**  
**USA**

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst  
German Academic Exchange Service

# What is DAAD?

- German national agency for international academic cooperation and exchange
- Independent association of universities
- DAAD provides:
  - Scholarships and grants
  - Information and counseling about studying & research in Germany
- Facts & Figures:
  - 70 Regional Offices and Information Centers worldwide
  - Regional Office for the US and Canada : New York City
  - Annual budget : ~ 450 mill. € / US \$ 500 mill. in 2017
  - Almost 130,000 people supported annually
  - All academic levels, all fields, varied lengths of stay

# DAAD Worldwide



- DAAD Head Office Bonn and Berlin Office
- Regional Offices
- Information Centres

# Bologna Process

- **Creating a European Higher Education Area**
  - Three-tier degree Structure:
    - Bachelor
    - Master
    - PhD
  - 1200+ “International Degree Programs”
    - taught in English
  - More competition between institutions
  - More transparency about
    - individual programs
  - Rankings



# Why Germany?



“Everyday I was surprised by how unique the German culture, traditions and landscapes were and I am so glad that I was able to spend almost one year in this country. **I would recommend studying abroad in Germany to anyone.**”

Colleen Grinham, Technische Universitaet Braunschweig, 2010/11



“Studying or working abroad pushes you to reconcile your old perspective with that of a new culture, making you a different person by the time you finish. **I’m convinced that Germany has something to offer for everyone!**”

Philipp Kotlaba, Freie Universitaet Berlin, 2010/2011



“Studying abroad in Germany for the past year has not only been a dream come true, but also one of the **most rewarding experiences of my life.**”

Ashley Hooper, Universitaet Leipzig, 2010/2011



# Why Germany?

- 101 million people speak German worldwide
- Most widely-spoken language of the European Union
- Number of German pages in the internet takes second place after English-speaking pages
- Ranked 3rd worldwide for the number of books published
- More than 250,000 international students in Germany
- Largest economy in Europe & the 3rd largest in the world
- High academic standard & standard of living



# Leader in Science & Technology

- Third only to the US, China and Japan in R&D spending and output
- 2.5% of GDP spent on R&D
- Strongest in physics, optics, polymer chemistry, automotive, environmental, nuclear and food engineering
- ...and don't forget the humanities!



# German Higher Education

- Two main types higher education institutions:
  - **Research Universities:** undergraduate, professional and doctoral programs
  - **Universities of Applied Sciences (*Fachhochschulen*):** practice-oriented Bachelor's and Master's programs
  - **Outstanding research institutes** outside universities:
    - Max Planck Institutes
    - Helmholtz Research Centers
    - Fraunhofer Institutes





# How to Select the Right Program or School

- Searchable database of all programs taught at German universities  
[www.higher-education-compass.de](http://www.higher-education-compass.de)
- Research Training Groups, Collaborative Research Centers, Graduate Schools and Research Clusters supported under the Excellence Initiative  
[www.dfg.de](http://www.dfg.de)
- For Bachelor and Master programs
- Program rankings from Center for Higher Education Development  
[www.university-ranking.de](http://www.university-ranking.de)
- General information about study and research in Germany  
[www.study-in.de](http://www.study-in.de)  
[www.research-in-germany.de](http://www.research-in-germany.de)

# Example of CHE Ranking

	top group	final group	middle group (improved)	middle group (declined)	top group (improved)	final group (declined)	not ranked
<b>Universities</b>							
▶ <a href="#">alphabetical order</a>							
▶ <a href="#">Professors' tip</a>							
▶ <b>Third party funds</b>							
▶ <a href="#">Equipment</a>							
▶ <a href="#">Counselling</a>							
▶ <a href="#">Student opinion</a>							
<b><u>Uni Bamberg</u></b>							
<b><u>FU Berlin</u></b>							
<b><u>HU Berlin</u></b>							
<b><u>Uni Bremen</u></b>							
<b><u>TU Dresden</u></b>							
<b><u>Uni Erfurt</u></b>							
<b><u>Uni Göttingen</u></b>							
<b><u>Uni Greifswald</u></b>							
<b><u>Uni Köln</u></b>							
<b><u>Uni Konstanz</u></b>							

# DAAD Scholarships



- Funding for study abroad, internships or senior thesis research
- Open to students in all fields
- Previous knowledge of German not required, but advantageous
- Monthly stipend or lump sum
- Health Insurance
- Some travel reimbursement
- All-Grantees meeting in Bonn



# Opportunities for Study & Research in Germany

## - Undergraduates - Programs and Scholarships



# Undergraduate Scholarship



- Funding study, thesis research and/or internships
- Independently designed or organized programs
- For sophomores and juniors  
(second- and third-year students in Canada)

- All academic fields
- 4 to 10 months during  
the German academic year
- €650/monthly, insurance, travel stipend
- ***Deadline: January 31st***



# Intensive Language Courses in Germany

- Eight-week intensive language courses at leading institutes in Germany
- Courses can be taken between June and January
- Requirements:
  - Full-time graduate students in any field of study except German Studies, German Language & Literature, and German Translation & Interpretation
  - Applicants must have completed 3 semesters of college or university level German or have achieved an equivalent level of language proficiency
- Terms of Award:
  - Scholarship: €2,300; includes tuition, accommodation and a cash allowance, health insurance, travel costs
- ***Deadline: December 1st***



# University Summer Course Grant



- Summer courses taught in German at German Universities
- For juniors, seniors and grad students
- 2 years minimum language requirement
- Focus on literary, cultural, political and economic aspects
- Hundreds of courses to choose from
- 3 to 4 weeks
- \$850 scholarship: tuition, room and board, health insurance, travel reimbursement
- ***Deadline: December 1st***

# EMGIP – Bundestag Internship

- Internships for 2 months at German parliament
- Advanced undergrads or graduate students
- Fields: political science, international relations, law, history, economics, or German.
- Must be comfortable in written and spoken German
- Monthly salary from German Bundestag
- DAAD can help with health insurance and housing



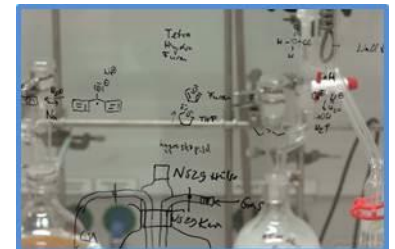
***Deadline: September 15th***



# RISE - Research Internships in Science and Engineering



- 8-12 weeks in summer
- Web-based matching process
- Undergrads work directly with German doctoral students at top labs across country
- Knowledge of German is not required
- Scholarships and housing assistance provided
- 314 interns placed in 2013
- ***Deadline: December 15th***





# Opportunities for Study & Research in Germany

- **Graduates** -

## Programs and Scholarships



# Study Scholarship for Graduates

- Support for one or two years of study in Germany
- Can be used to earn a Master's degree at a German university
- German language ability should be commensurate with needs
- Final-year undergrads may apply
- 60 awarded annually
- € 750 /month; insurance; travel stipend



***Deadline: November 4th***

# Study Scholarship for Artists & Musicians



- Fields: fine art, design, film, music, choreography and architecture
- Graduates, PhD candidates, postdocs
- Support for one or two years of study in Germany
- €750 - €1,000 /monthly, health insurance, travel reimbursement
- ***Deadline: October 31st***

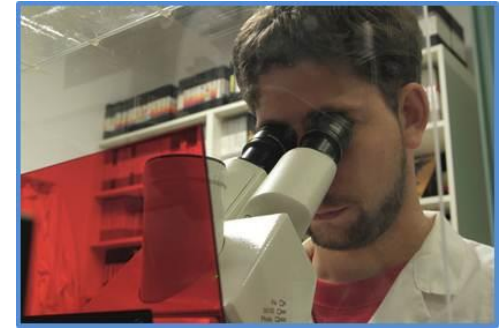
# Research Grants

- 1 to 10 months with the possibility of an extension
- For PhD candidates and postdocs, must have well-defined research project
- Can also be used to complete PhD in Germany
- Around 30 short term (< 6 mo.) and 60 long-term awarded annually
- Invitation by host institution essential
- Monthly support of ~ €1,000; travel stipend; insurance
- **Deadlines:**
  - ***November 4th (10-month and short-term grants)***
  - ***May 1st, (short-term grants)***



# RISE *Professional*

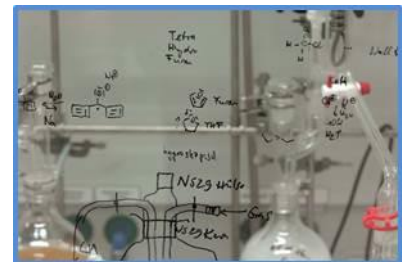
- For undergraduate DAAD alumni, recent graduates or graduate students
- 6-26 week summer placements in industry internships with leading German companies
- German requirements depend on the nature of the internship
- Scholarships and housing assistance are provided
- 2 week intensive language course for RISE and RISE *pro* participants with little or no German
- €250/monthly for graduates, €500/monthly for PhD students + €500/monthly from host company
- Health insurance, travel reimbursement



***Deadline: December 15th***

# RISE *Worldwide*

- Researchers in science & engineering are invited to host German RISE interns coming to North America
  - Gaining assistance with experimental work
  - Stimulating scientific discussion
  - Making new contacts with German universities
  - Internationalization of academic formation
  - Establish and improve international standing
  - Deadline for projects submitted by researchers: **October 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Deadline for student applications: **December 15<sup>th</sup>**



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# Partner Grants and other Opportunities

- DAAD-AICGS Summer Research Fellowship: contemp. German Studies
- Leo Baeck Institute-DAAD Grant: history/culture German-speaking Jewry
- German Studies Research Grants
- Fulbright: teaching or study/research
- Bundestag Internship Program
- Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange
- Erasmus Mundus: Master's Degrees
- Direct enrollment: other scholarships (FU-BEST)





# Teach & Research in Germany

- Faculty -

Programs and Grants



# Short-term Lectureship

- For North American Universities to host German guest lecturers
- Requirements:
  - Selecting a highly qualified scholar
  - Extending an invitation to her/him
  - Developing the course curriculum prior to applying for support
- Terms of Award:
  - Shared financial support
  - Honorarium of US/CAN \$2,200
  - Office facilities with necessary equipment
  - Assistance with housing
  - DAAD will supplement living expenses
  - Available for periods of one to six months
  - Applications must be received 10 weeks prior to a committee meeting
- ***Program committee convenes four times a year ( Feb., May, Sept., Dec.)***



# Visiting Professorship

- For North American guest lecturers to be hosted at German universities
- Requirements:
  - Highly qualified scholars in all academic disciplines
  - Preference: Doctoral / terminal degree
  - Invitation from a German host institution
  - Teach courses integrated into their regular curriculum
- Terms of Award:
  - The German host institution receives the DAAD funding
  - Visiting professors are paid by their hosts according to German salary scales
  - Additional allowances for travel, luggage, health insurance
  - Funding is available for periods from one semester to two years
- **Deadlines:**
  - ***July 15th (for Sommersemester , March – July)***
  - ***January 15th (for Wintersemester, Oct – Feb)***



# Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

- Funding for research in all academic disciplines, incl. performing and visual arts
- Universities , libraries, archives, institutes or labs in Germany
- Period from one to three months
- Requirements:
  - PhD holders or equivalent, working in research or teaching full-time for at least two years after receipt of the doctorate
  - Permanent residents of the US or Canada
  - Adequate knowledge of German
- Terms of Award:
  - For research projects, cannot be used for travel only
  - €2,000 to €2,150 monthly, some travel reimbursement for project-related travelling within Germany



***Deadlines: May 15th & October 15th***

# Group Study Visit

- Financial support for academic information visits to Germany for groups of students
- Requirements:
  - Group of 10 to 15 students plus one accompanying faculty member
  - Trip for 7 to 12 days
  - Visit should be organized entirely by the home institution
  - Application: filed by a faculty member, including total budget, a detailed itinerary, specific information about relationship to the curriculum, application form
- Up to € 9,600, depending on size of group and length of stay.



**Deadlines: November 1st** (for trips between March 1 and June 1 of the following year)

**February 1st** (for trips between June 1 and September 1 of the same year)

**May 1st** ( for trips no earlier than September 1 of the same year)

# Other Programs for Faculty



- Conference Funding in German Studies
- DAAD-Cornell University – Summer Seminar in German Studies 2014
- Germany Today – Information visit
- Co-operative Research Grants
- Learn German in Germany – Intensive Language Courses
- DAAD-AICGS Research Fellowship Program
- DAAD Science Tour – Information visit



# Tips for success

- Express why a stay in Germany is critical for your academic or professional goals
- Obtain a letter of invitation from a German professor or institution
- Explain clearly why you chose the location or program you did
- Submit quality letters of recommendation
- Make sure your application is on time and complete



- Visit our website [www.daad.org](http://www.daad.org)
- General information about study and research in Germany
  - [www.study-in.de](http://www.study-in.de)
  - [www.research-in-germany.de](http://www.research-in-germany.de)
- Other funding resources:
  - [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)
  - [www.higher-education-compass.de](http://www.higher-education-compass.de)





**We hope to see you soon in Germany!**

