

# DAAD Ghana Newsletter, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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## **(1) RESEARCH EXPLORER: DISCOVER THE GERMAN RESEARCH LANDSCAPE**

With the Research Explorer, an internet database of German Research Institutions, developed jointly by the German Research Partnership (DFG) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), one can find access to comprehensive information on scientific research in Germany and in other parts of the world free of charge.

The Research Explorer can be accessed on [www.daad.de/research-explorer](http://www.daad.de/research-explorer) or [www.dfg.de/research-explorer](http://www.dfg.de/research-explorer). It is also available in English language.

In the Research explorer, users can access over 17,000 research institutions under various criteria. The contact data and web address of all indicated institutes are regularly updated.

The Research Explorer also enables links to more online databases like the GEPRIS and the DFG making it possible to access even more research projects and research institutions.

The Research Explorer is made for all who are interested in pursuing careers in scientific research and should be a one stop information centre for post graduate students and researchers alike.

## **(2) INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR MEETING OF THE DAAD**

In July, about 400 DAAD scholars met at the University of Frankfurt. These are young academicians from 82 different countries, most especially, Latin America, Asia and the Russian republic among others.

During this meeting, a number of professors drawn from various fields of study such as business management, life sciences and political sciences made presentations on various topics and issues.

This was a 3 day programme for DAAD scholars, held between the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> of July, 2008.

## **(3) DAAD NETWORK CONFERENCE IN BONN**

Over 150 German university representatives met with 74 DAAD experts at the 3rd network conference of the DAAD in Bonn. The most important subjects discussed at the conference were 'University Marketing' and 'International Cooperations'. In their presentations, the foreign representatives provided insights into the regional university landscapes.

The conference was a success. The representatives of the Universities received pragmatic and current information about programs, marketing instruments and cooperation possibilities. The DAAD experts also learned of current concerns of the German Universities.

## **(4) A GERMAN TERTIARY INSTITUTION TO OPEN ITS CAMPUS IN ACCRA**

The University of Applied Management, Germany, is a fully accredited tertiary institution by the Federal State of Bavaria, Germany.

The Accra Campus, which is as the University of Applied Management (UAM), Campus Accra will run the following programmes:

- Business Administration (BA, MBA)

- Business Psychology (BA, MA)
- Sport Management (BA, MA)
- Fast Track Program - MBA

The concept of the UAM is to combine a 70% virtual phase with a 30% face-to-face phase which offers students the flexibility of being full time students as well as being employed full time.

There are several learning tools available to students. Faculty members are highly seasoned and experienced with high academic standards. The reference library is well equipped with up-to-date reference books. They also have an e-reference library which provides access to a wide range of current journals and articles online.

The University of Applied Management offers the ideal conditions to develop personal, social, methodical, and technical competencies into a very unique, holistic competence profile. During the complete course of study, personal academic coaches are provided to counsel and advise every student. Part of the duties and responsibilities of an academic coach is to help prepare students for a successful job-search through job-application training and a personal counseling session.

The outstanding programs of study not only increase your attractiveness to the corporate market, but more importantly, they increase your practical ability to succeed.

Application is currently in progress for the Winter Semester, 2008.

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## **(5) MSc. PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT**

The English language 'Certified Course on Environmental Engineering and Management (CC EEM)', which has been offered continually by Bauhaus-University Weimar since October 2007 in cooperation with KNOTEN WEIMAR, is now accredited as an 'MSc Program for Environmental Engineering and Management'. (Accreditation Authority: ZAV, Central Evaluation and Accreditations Agency, Hannover, Germany.) Postgraduates in the fields of construction / infrastructure / environment can qualify themselves as a 'Master of Science' through this course of study. Furthermore, it is also possible to take modules as individual courses for specific certification. The participants of the courses work alone, online and with specialist support through KNOTEN WEIMAR. This modular course of studies has been developed by internationally recognized experts at Bauhaus-University Weimar (Germany), Asian Institute of Technology Bangkok (Thailand) and University of Leeds (UK) with financial support of the European Union. Registration for the next semester is open until September 10th, 2008.

For more details visit [www.msc-eem.net](http://www.msc-eem.net)

## **(6) THE MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (ONLINE COURSE)**

The Center for Global Politics at the Freie Universität Berlin in Germany, hosts the Master of Arts programme in International Relations (IR), an online programme that will be in its third run come October, 2008. IR Online is an intriguing mixture of online sessions and in-house classes which will give you the unique opportunity of receiving in-depth teachings in combination with full flexibility.

With globalization on the rise, and a multitude of international issues - migration, new security challenges and environmental degradation - receiving ever more attention, an exponentially growing demand exists for individuals with IR-related expertise, as well as an understanding of global culture and communication. An M.A. in International Relations will give you the credentials to fulfil this demand and improve your chances on the international job market.

The M.A. IR Online

- is part of Freie Universität Berlin, a German university which has recently been awarded the title “university of excellence” by the German government.
- helps you to gain in-depth knowledge of IR theories and topics, and enables you to acquire relevant academic and applied research skills in these areas.
- provides the ideal opportunity to remain working, while at the same time enhancing career perspectives in the global workplace.
- enables you to be flexible with your time management. You will enjoy high-quality individual support, while simultaneously being able to pursue your studies virtually anywhere and at any time.
- allows you to work with innovative IT and research tools in an international environment and to make use of state-of-the-art communication technology.
- connects you with a network of international students and academics from all over the world.
- is an English-language program.
- is a two-year full-time Master of Arts (M.A.) program comprising of 120 credit points according to ECTS standards.

Applications should include the following documents:

- application form (to be downloaded from our website) ;
- letter of motivation (300 words);
- curriculum vitae;

- certificate of a relevant academic degree (B.A. or equivalent);
- language certificate verifying English proficiency.

Please visit our website at [www.ir-online.org](http://www.ir-online.org) for more information and to apply online via our online application form!

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## **(7) ELEVEN THREE-YEAR PHD FELLOWSHIPS AT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF WÜRZBURG**

Under the auspices of the Graduate School of Life Sciences (GSLs) the DFG-funded International Research Training Group **IRTG 1522: "HIV/AIDS and associated Infectious Diseases in South Africa"** is offering **11 three-year PhD fellowships**.

The scientific topics of this IRTG will be to translate clinical into basic research on infectious diseases (IDs). In close collaboration with laboratories from Stellenbosch University (SU) and University of Cape Town (UCT) PhD students will work on IDs caused by HIV (J. Bodem, E. Koutsilieri, and A. Rethwilm), *Staphylococcus aureus* (B. Sinha), Helminths (K. Brehm), Candida (J. Morschhäuser), Malaria (G. Pradel), and *Leishmania* (H. Moll). In addition, projects on the immunology of infectious diseases (T. Hünig and M. Lutz) and on general mechanisms of virus-induced immunosuppression (S. Schneider-Schaulies lab) will be conducted. Speakers of this IRTG are Axel Rethwilm (Würzburg) and Wolfgang Preiser (Cape Town). Several PhD projects are offered, for which additional details can be found on the GSLs homepage:

[http://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life\\_sciences/participating\\_research\\_structures/](http://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life_sciences/participating_research_structures/)

Holders of Master of Sciences (MSc.) in biology, biomedicine, and natural science oriented medicine may apply. Applications of bachelor students who graduated above average may also be considered. An excellent level of spoken and written English is required. Applicants from the European, African and South American Region are especially invited.

The funding will cover a monthly stipend of Euros 1300, an additional annual Research Grant, and funding for retreats and summer schools is also provided. Projected start of the programme is October 2008. The research will be carried out jointly at several departments of the University of Würzburg / Germany and the South African partner laboratories. An exchange programme with the partner laboratories and an elaborated post-

graduate education programme are central to this IRTG and candidates are expected to actively participate in these activities. Corresponding PhD fellowships will be created by 12 research groups in Cape Town; for more information contact Prof. W. Preiser at [preiser@sun.ac.za](mailto:preiser@sun.ac.za).

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**Application deadline is: 31.08.2008**

### **Application Process**

Only online applications processed via the following link on the GSLS homepage are accepted:

[http://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life\\_sciences/application/](http://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life_sciences/application/)

**The strict deadline for receipt of applications is 31 August 2008!**

For more information about the GSLS visit the homepage:

[http://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life\\_sciences/](http://www.graduateschools.uni-wuerzburg.de/life_sciences/)

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Visit us during our office hours for more information and up-to-date information material.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mondays 16.30-18.30 at the Goethe-Institut (next to NAFTI, East Cantonments)

Thursdays,

Fridays 14.30-18.30 at the Goethe-Institut (next to NAFTI, East Cantonments)

Tuesdays 9.00-12.00 at the German Embassy (Main Building, North Ridge)

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