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(1) DAAD ALUMNI SUMMER SCHOOLS IN 2009

The DAAD provides financial funds for 2009 to organize and attend a number of Alumni Summer Schools in Germany. Please note that all enquiries and applications must be directly addressed to the German host university.

Further information on all DAAD Alumni Summer Schools is available also in English language at: www.daad.de/entwicklung/studierende_und_alumni/alumnisonderprojekte/08119.de.html

(A) African Language & African Sign Language Studies – August 13-21, 2009.

The Summer School on Language Documentation offers courses on grant application, fieldwork methods, analysis/archiving of data, and dissemination (publication and presentation) to DAAD-Alumni from Sub-Saharan African countries. The Summer School will be held at the University of Cologne from August 13 to 21, 2009. Confirmed registration to the Summer School will include the participation to the 6th World Congress of African Linguistics (August 17 to 21, 2009). Travel/accommodation costs

will be covered. At the Summer School, a DAAD-Alumni Africa network of African scholars working on African languages will be established.

Applicants should hand in short abstracts of their ongoing research projects, as these drafts will be subject to discussions at the summer school workshops.

For DAAD-Alumni only: Please send your application to WOCAL6@uni-koeln.de as soon as possible and indicate "DAAD-Alumni" in the reference space. You are also kindly asked you to provide details on the time of your last stay at a German University and your present academic position.

(B) Four DAAD Alumni Summer Schools on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

The DAAD is funding four Summer Schools on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) International at German universities in 2009. Subsequent to the summer schools, the attendees of all four summer schools will come together in Bonn on 31st March where DAAD is organizing a special program. As part of the agenda, participants will present findings of their summer schools in the context of the "UNESCO World Conference on ESD – Moving into the Second Half of the UN Decade", taking place from 31 March to 2 April 2009. The entire Summer Schools are scheduled from 22 March to 4 April (22 March day of arrival, 4 April day of departure). Applicants must be **alumni of German universities**, not necessarily DAAD alumni.

(1) DAAD-Alumni Summer School on "Sustainable Development as Strategy and Aim of Higher Education", Lüneburg (Germany) from 23 to 30 March 2009.

(2) DAAD-Alumni Summer School "From Research to Practice: The Role of Education for Sustainable Development in Natural Resource Management", Greifswald from 21st March to 30th March, 2009.

(3) DAAD-Alumni Summer School on "Sustainability within the organic chemistry lab course", TU Braunschweig from March, 23rd to March, 30th 2009.

(4) DAAD-Alumni Summer School on "Poverty and Social Inequality in Education and its Impact on Sustainable Development", Kassel (Germany), from 23rd to 30th March, 2009.

Applicants must be alumni of German universities, not necessarily DAAD alumni. Applications (CV, letter of motivation, description of current job position) have to be addressed to the respective German university – not to the DAAD. **Application Deadline: 31st December, 2008.**

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(2) DAAD AND INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR EAST AFRICA (IUCEA) TO CONTINUE THEIR SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION

The DAAD and the Inter-University Council for East Africa will cooperate more closely in the Quality Assurance and implementation of the Quality Rating Mechanism for harmonization of the Arusha Convention and the African Union Harmonization strategy. The process is aiming at creating a joint East African university region. It shall allow – similar to the European Bologna-Process – the implementation of comparable degrees and programmes in Eastern Africa. Kenya as well as Tanzania and Uganda and since 2008 also Ruanda and Burundi are participating in the project that is run within the DAAD programme "Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES)". DIES supports developing countries in developing strategies to improve the quality and relevance of their various programmes.

For further information visit: <http://www.daad-magazin.de/09479/index.html>

(3) NEW SUMMER COURSE DATABASE LAUNCHED

Are you interested in the new summer schools run by German universities? In the database "Summer Schools in Germany 2009" you can explore the wide-ranging opportunities that German universities offer. Most of these one to four weeks courses take place during the university summer break (July-September). Some courses are also offered during the winter months. The range of available courses is enormous. There are exciting activities catering to almost every taste. The diverse social programmes which are included with many summer courses will make sure that one gets to know the country and people.

To search the database please visit:

<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/deutsch-lernen/sommerkurse/00490.en.html>

(4) NEW INTERNATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMME BROCHURES RELEASED

The DAAD has released new brochures on the International Degree Programmes for the academic year 2009/10. The brochures list those programmes offered by German universities which are run entirely or predominantly in the English language. Three different brochures are available: international Bachelor's, Master's and PhD programmes. To receive a free copy, please visit the DAAD Information Center in Accra during the consultation hours for face-to-face advice on studying in Germany.

All three brochures can be found in database format here: www.daad.de/international-programmes

(5) MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (LL.M. INT.) – INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND ARBITRATION – DOUBLE DEGREE

This International Degree Programme is offered by the Faculties of Law of the University of Heidelberg and the University of Chile, with the academic support of the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law and of the Institute of International Studies of the University of Chile. The Programme shall start on 14 April, 2009.

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) provides a limited number of scholarships for this programme. Furthermore, the programme considers the possibility of granting scholarships in special cases. The requirements are: excellent academic record, need for financial support.

Deadline for application: January 23, 2009.

All enquiries and applications must be addressed to: Heidelberg Center para América Latina
Email: heidelberg-center@heidelbergcenter.cl or andrealucas@heidelberg-center.uni-heidelberg.de
For more information visit : www.heidelberg-center.uni-hd.de, www.ieiuchile.cl, www.derecho.uchile.cl

(6) SYMPOSIUM "STUDY AND RESEARCH IN GERMANY" – 7TH FEBRUARY, 2009

Offered by the DAAD Information Center Accra in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut Accra and the German Embassy the symposium will provide detailed information on all issues concerning studying and doing research in Germany as well as on DAAD scholarship schemes. International degree courses that are conducted in English as well as language proficiency requirements and German language learning opportunities in Ghana will be presented. Information on the student visa application procedure will be given by the German Embassy's Head of Visa Section.

All SSSC and WASSCE holders, students and professionals are welcome to attend the symposium on Saturday 7th February, 2009, 10 am prompt.

(7) TESTAS APTITUDE TEST ON MARCH 28TH, 2009 – ONLINE REGISTRATION TO BEGIN

The TestAS is a central standardised scholastic aptitude test, which measures intellectual abilities that are particularly important for university studies. It is intended for study applicants from non-EU countries planning to pursue undergraduate studies at German universities.

TestAS allows the universities to choose the candidates who best fulfil the requirements for a specific subject as well as it gets the test takers to know the typical requirements of the subject they want to study. The TestAS result enables test takers to realistically assess their chances of successfully completing their studies at a German university. Some German universities consider the test a compulsory admission requirement. For more information visit www.testas.de

The worldwide first examination in 2009 takes place on **March 28th, 2009**. Examination fee: 100 €
Test your aptitude for studies in Germany! **Sit for the TestAS in Accra!**

If you would like to take part in the upcoming TestAS, please register and book your test modules from January 5th to February 20th, 2009 at http://www.testas.de/en/registrierung_en.htm

For enquiries contact language@accra.goethe.org, the Language Department of the Goethe-Institut in Accra, that is the TestAs center in Ghana.

Please inquire at the website or the International Office of the university you are applying to as to whether TestAS is one of the admission requirements for your chosen field of study.

(8) CALL FOR APPLICANTS – GO AFRICA, GO GERMANY 2009 PROGRAMME OF THE BPB

The Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, a German federal board for political education, offers scholarships to German and African students and young graduates for a four weeks programme. The programme takes place in August 2009 and February 2010 for two weeks in Germany/Belgium and for two weeks in Ghana/Nigeria respectively. The programme aims to contribute in bridging the knowledge gap between African reality and German perception and vice versa through the personal encountering of young researchers and interdisciplinary exchange.

Applicants shall be aged between 21 and 28 years and shall be students or graduates in political sciences, contemporary history, international relations, economy, African studies, cultural studies, media and communication sciences or law. There are 12 scholarships available for West Africa.

Part of the application documents is an essay of three pages or 6000 signs (maximum length) in English language and a statement that the essay was composed solely by the author without anybody's help. Application documents comprise a CV with passport photograph (CV indicating names, sex, date of birth, profession, occupation, residential address) and a letter of motivation (one page maximum length).

Application deadline is 01st March, 2009. Applications must be addressed to goafrica@bpb.de only.

For more information visit:

http://www.bpb.de/veranstaltungen/11MYTM,0,Go_Africa_Go_Germany_2009_%96_Call_for_Papers.html

(9) 15 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDIA STUDIES

The new bilingual International Media Studies Master's Programme that will commence in September 2009 in Bonn is a four-semester, full-time programme for further education. It is a joint project from the University of Bonn, the Bonn Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences and Deutsche Welle, Germany's international broadcaster with its headquarters in Bonn. The bilingual Master's Programme offers a unique course offer given the current development of global media and the connection between media and cooperative development. Students from around the world will benefit from the inclusion of partners and the unparalleled mix of research, lectures and practical experience. The programme

combines topics like media and development, journalism, communication science and media economics, while developing practical skills and competencies that are important for the world of media.

For the Master's Programme, applicants should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent, more than one year of professional experience in a media-related field and communication skills in German (TestDaF certificate TDN 3) and in English. 15 Scholarships are available for the programme.

Application deadline: May 31st, 2009.

Applications to be addressed to: ims@dw-world.de

For further information visit: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/0,2692,12276,00.html>

(10) ALFRIED KRUPP FELLOWSHIPS

The Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald is an independent institute for advanced study. The Kolleg was established by the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung in cooperation with the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and the Ernst Moritz Arndt University Greifswald in order to advance the excellence and the international research profile of the university.

The "Alfried Krupp Senior Fellowships" will be awarded to outstanding senior scientists and scholars who are qualified by their achievements in research as well as in teaching. The "Alfried Krupp Junior Fellowships" will be awarded to highly promising younger post-doctoral scholars.

Through the Fellowship programme of the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, senior and younger scholars are given the opportunity to concentrate on a major piece of research, free from the full teaching and administrative obligations of ordinary university life. In cooperation with the University of Greifswald, the Kolleg provides opportunities for scientific and interdisciplinary encounters with colleagues and students. Proposals from groups of scholars who plan to pursue an international and interdisciplinary collaborative project in Greifswald are welcome, too.

The guidelines and further particulars for the Alfried Krupp Fellowship programme can be downloaded from www.wiko-greifswald.de.

Application deadline for proposals and applications for the academic year 2010/11: February 28, 2009. Applications and nominations should be addressed to the academic director, Professor Dr. Bärbel Friedrich, Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald, D-17487 Greifswald, Germany.

For enquiries contact Dr. Reinold Schmücker, fellowsupport@wiko-greifswald.de

(11) DFG FUNDS GERMAN-AFRICAN COOPERATION PROJECTS IN INFECTIOLOGY

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) launches its second call for proposals of joint German-African projects in the area of infectious diseases and their social consequences.

The initiative will fund cooperation projects between German and African researchers working on infectious diseases in humans and animals as well as associated social science projects (with an emphasis on diseases of poverty). The reciprocal projects will be operated as an equally balanced partnership and aim, in the long term, to develop opportunities for the German research community in Africa that are of significance to infectology, but for which the right conditions are missing in Europe, for example in epidemiology, infection genetics and human immunology. Applications must be submitted by the German partner.

To facilitate the design and implementation of the projects, it is essential that applicants seek cooperation with major centres in Africa. These will often be funded by the well-financed international programmes against AIDS, malaria and TB, for instance, while research into other serious infectious diseases, including infectious diseases affecting animals, receive disproportionately little funding. The

DFG therefore hopes to encourage researchers working in human medicine to submit funding proposals for these neglected diseases. Clinical trials can not be funded within the framework of this initiative.

Deadline for submission of outline proposals is 30 January 2009. Draft proposals must be submitted by the German applicant; for legal reasons applications cannot be accepted from African cooperation partners. Draft proposals should be submitted electronically to infectiology@dfg.de

Once the outline proposals have been assessed it is envisaged that there will be a three-month period for the submission of full proposals.

For enquiries contact Dr. Andreas Strecker or Christoph Mühlberg: infectiology@dfg.de

For further information visit:

http://www.dfg.de/en/news/information_science_research/international_focus/info_wissenschaft_74_08.html

(12) GOETTINGEN STUDY PROGRAMME “MOLECULAR MEDICINE”

The Goettingen Study Program “Molecular Medicine” is aiming at an in-depth education in the translation of basic knowledge within molecular biosciences into applications regarding the prevention, diagnostics and therapy of human diseases. Established research foci are represented by clinical and basic neurosciences, as well as research on the molecular basis of cardiovascular diseases. Current efforts are aiming at a focus on cancer research, in particular the molecular regulatory processes pertaining to cancer as well as development and stem cell biology. Other major research topics include Biochemistry, in particular intracellular compartmentalization and protein modifications, as well as infectious diseases and immunology. Cutting edge technology platforms are exemplified by facilities for transcriptome and proteome analysis; animal models including Drosophila, Xenopus, and rodents; life confocal microscopy; high content screening of cell morphology by automated microscopy and fluorescence activated cell sorting; and in vivo imaging. The programme is aiming at the education of PhD students in these disciplines and technologies.

Candidates are expected to carry out a high-profile research project in one of the afore-mentioned disciplines. They will be supported by stringent supervision, thesis committees, methods courses and informal counselling. Overall, the programme is aiming at the thorough education of young scientists who address medically relevant problems with a sound background in basic sciences.

Key Features :

- from BSc to PhD in 4 years
- from BSc to MSc in 1.5 years
- intensive course program throughout first Master Program year
- cutting-edge research projects

Application :

- Online pre-registration before January 15th 2009(required for the written test)
- Written test at the end of March (not mandatory but will increase chances of acceptance)
- Full applications required before May 30th 2009.
- Start of the M.Sc. Program in Molecular Medicine in October 2009.

Further information on curriculum and application:

<http://www.universitaetsmedizin-goettingen.de/content/en/6827.html>

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