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## (1) A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE – THE GHANAIAN-GERMAN CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON / ACCRA

Under DAAD's initiative 'Centers of Excellence for Teaching and Research to Train Future Leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa', a Ghanaian-German Center of Excellence for Development Studies and Health Research at the University of Ghana, Legon / Accra was selected for funding and support by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Up to today, most Ghanaian PhD students are heading abroad as Ghanaian Universities offer limited opportunities for PhD training, especially in the field of development studies. Given this situation, the Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon and the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany, which have been engaged in scientific cooperation since 1999, liaised to establish a Center for Development Studies that provides Ghanaian and other African PhD-students in the field of development studies with advanced theoretical, methodological and leadership training.

ISSER is recognized for its leading role in regional research cooperation as well as for its long-term cooperation with international research institutes, such as ZEF, the African Capacity Building Foundation in Zimbabwe, the African Economic Research Consortium in Kenya, and the International Food Policy Research Institute in the USA. Although ISSER primarily conducts research relevant to Ghana, its training shows significant impact on the qualification of future leaders in other African coun-

tries. Apart from the education of individual African researchers, ISSER is part of an extensive African research and training network.

The Center for Development Research (ZEF) is an international and interdisciplinary academic research institute of the University of Bonn focused on development research, in particular on how to harmonize societal needs with the resources available while ensuring sustainable development. The strategic aim and strength of the institute is to bridge scientific disciplines, research and policy, as well as research and practice. ZEF hosts the Bonn International Graduate School for Development Research (BIGS-DR), which is a unique graduate programme in Europe; currently 137 PhD students are enrolled. The programme includes a course programme made up of intensive block courses, providing students with interdisciplinary skills, as well as disciplinary knowledge and tools in the form of classes, courses, seminars, and workshops.

The Center for Development Studies will be one part of the Center for Development Studies and Health Research in Legon. The second part, which offers excellent PhD training in health research, is established by the University of Heidelberg and the School of Public Health in Legon with partners from Bielefeld and Basel.

The Center for Development Studies at the University of Ghana is expected to become a leading Center for Excellence for the teaching of future leaders in Africa. PhD candidates, who are recruited among top-quality students in Africa, but who often also come from government institutions and research institutes, are not only undergoing sound academic teaching in the area of Development Studies, but are also exposed to training modules targeting their leadership and management skills. This will ensure that the Ghanaian-German Center for Development Studies not only provides excellence in academic training, but also prepares candidates for their roles as future leaders in the development of their countries.

## **(2) A NEW DAAD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC POLICY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

A new DAAD programme is designed to academically qualify future leaders in politics, law, economics and administration according to the principles of Good Governance and to prepare them for their professional life. The programme offers outstanding graduates with a first university degree (Bachelor or equivalent) the chance to obtain a Master's degree in disciplines that are of special relevance for the social, political and economic development of their home country. With the knowledge and experience acquired in Germany the scholarship holders should later contribute to the establishment of democratically devised economic and social systems aimed at overcoming social tensions. In addition, the training at German institutions of higher education should especially qualify the scholarship holders as partners in political and economic cooperation with Germany. By this programme, DAAD intends to contribute to the support of Good Governance and civil society structures in selected partner countries and regions.

Excellent graduates with a first university degree (good Bachelor or equivalent) who in future want to actively contribute to the social and economic development of their home countries are invited to apply for a scholarship for (generally) two-year Master courses at a German institution of higher education. The successful candidates will pursue one of the selected Master courses focusing on Public Policy, Good Governance, International Relations, Public Management, Administration, or Civil Society. The courses are internationally oriented and are taught in German and / or English. All scholarship holders will participate 4 to 6 months in German language courses before taking up their Master studies.

In addition to academic achievements, the main criterion for selection is a convincing description of the subject-related and personal motivation for the study project in Germany and the expected benefit after the return to the home country.

The most recent university degree should have been obtained not more than six years before applying for the scholarship.

The DAAD Information Center Accra will invite suitable candidates for application. If you are interested in this new programme please send a short introductory letter to the DAAD Information Center Accra soonest possibly: [daadghana@yahoo.com](mailto:daadghana@yahoo.com)

The complete set of application documents must be submitted latest by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

### **(3) TWO SUMMER SCHOOLS ON NUTRITION FOR GERMANY TRAINED ALUMNI**

The DAAD is aware of the great demand for experts in the nutrition sector all over the world. The lack of experts is a big obstacle in reaching the Millenium Development Goals of the United Nations in this area of expertise. The DAAD will therefore promote two Alumni Summer Schools in 2009, which will take place in Germany. Participants in these courses will have the opportunity to attend the International Trade Fair Anuga Food Tec from 9th until 13th March, 2009, followed by a one weeks programme at a German university from 14th until 20th March, 2009.

(1) Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Department of Crop Sciences: "Postharvest Technologies – High Tec for food security and food safety". Main objective: Discussion of challenges for postharvest treatment under different regional conditions. Topics: Postharvest technologies in developed and developing countries, Modern and effective postharvest technologies and use of alternative energy supply (solar, biogas), Ensuring food quality with High Tec postharvest technologies. Participants: Alumni of German universities, who are working in the field of postharvest technology, food technology, food safety or agricultural economy, decision makers in the agricultural or food sector. Cost Coverage: 75% of an economy-class return ticket, transport within Germany, accommodation, catering, health insurance, visa expenses. Contributions from the alumni are expected, hence alumni are requested to send the title and a one page abstract. The summer school will be held in English language. Enquiries and applications should be addressed to [Marie.Kreuzberger@agr.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:Marie.Kreuzberger@agr.uni-goettingen.de)

Application deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

(2) Leibniz Universität Hannover, Institute of Biological Production Systems: "Quality Dynamics of Fruits and Vegetables in the Post-Harvest Phase". Main topic: Post-harvest quality dynamics of fruits and vegetables. Topics: Quality definitions and parameters, Chemical key components in fruits and vegetables and their post-harvest behaviour, Packaging technologies, Methods for quality determination. Participants: Alumni of German universities, who are working in the post-harvest handling or processing of fruits and vegetables. Cost Coverage: 75% of an economy-class return ticket, transport within Germany, accommodation, catering, health insurance, visa expenses. The summer school will be held in English language. Enquiries and applications should be addressed to [summerschool@gem.uni-hannover.de](mailto:summerschool@gem.uni-hannover.de) – Application forms can be downloaded at <http://www.gem.uni-hannover.de> .

Application deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

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.

Further information is available at:

[www.daad.de/entwicklung/studierende\\_und\\_alumni/alumnisonderprojekte/08119.de.html](http://www.daad.de/entwicklung/studierende_und_alumni/alumnisonderprojekte/08119.de.html).

### **(4) DLR – DAAD RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN AERONAUTICS, SPACE, TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY**

The 'DLR – DAAD Research Fellowships' are awarded under a new programme implemented by the 'Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt' (DLR) and the 'German Academic Exchange Service' (DAAD).

The DLR is Germany's national research center for aeronautics and space. Its extensive research and development work in Aeronautics, Space, Transportation and Energy is integrated into national and international cooperative ventures. As Germany's space agency, DLR has been given responsibility for the forward planning and the implementation of the German space program by the German federal government as well as for the international representation of German interests. Approximately 5,700 people are employed in the DLR's 29 institutes and facilities at thirteen locations in Germany.

This newly implemented programme aims at highly qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students as well as senior scientists. The DLR-DAAD Fellowships offer outstanding scientists and researchers the opportunity to conduct special research at the institutes of the DLR in Germany.

The DLR-DAAD Fellowships are defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each Fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of the visit. The offers are published under 'DLR-DAAD Fellowships' – currently more than 20 offers are advertised at <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/09009.de.html> and on <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/09144.de.html>

or on the homepage of the DLR at <http://www.dlr.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx>.

#### **(5) DAAD / SEPT ALUMNI SEMINAR IN GHANA – 10<sup>TH</sup> TO 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008: RELOCATING SME PROMOTION? EXPERIENCES AND EXAMPLES FROM AFRICA**

DAAD and SEPT are pleased to invite you to the international alumni seminar on "Re-Locating SME Promotion? Experiences and Examples from Africa", jointly organized by the International SEPT program and the DAAD - Ghana on 10th -14th November 2008 at KNUST, Kumasi.

The importance of small and medium-sized companies for economic growth and poverty reduction is widely acknowledged not only among academics but also among policy makers and administrators around the world. Nevertheless, strategies, policies, and instruments applied as well as measures taken are not always consistent with highly diverse and complex realities of entrepreneurs. The link between institutions of higher education teaching and researching management and small-scale business issues on the one hand and entrepreneurship promotion on the other hand is often strongly recommended but rarely really installed or used towards its full potential. Several ways of closing the gap exist: Entrepreneurship Centres at Universities; further education for staff of SME promoting institutions provided by MBA programs; Business Development Services and Business Incubators run or supported by academically trained staff etc. This workshop will explore problems and perspectives of making SME promotion one of the core activities of institutions related in one way or the other to higher education in Africa.

Participants are encouraged to present forefront development in linking institutions of higher education teaching and researching management and small-scale business and SME promotion in a two-day conference from 10th until 11th November. The seminar is completed by the presentation of a new DAAD alumni platform on 12th and 13th November. The last day of the seminar is reserved for final discussion and an excursion.

The workshop is open for all interested participants. Participation of DAAD alumni and Germany trained alumni can be sponsored, as well as expenses of participants from developing countries who want to take part in this workshop. Due to the limited number of grants, you are requested to send your application for participation as soon as possible to:

sept@uni-leipzig.de, c/o Ms. Froede (please address all enquiries to the given contact)

## **(6) DAAD FUNDED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE – THE TANZANIAN-GERMAN CENTER FOR POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN LAW**

The establishment of 5 new centers of excellence – one of it being placed at University of Legon, Ghana (see above, No. 1) – for training future executives and managers in Africa is a pillar of the DAAD's new programmes for Africa. Its goal is to further raise the quality and relevance of education in selected fields at African universities, to expand research capacity and promote networking among African universities, research institutions and German partners. In this process, the promotion of future leaders in different fields of society plays a special role. The new centers should provide students with an up-to-date training corresponding to international standards of quality. At the same time, the centers shall create an environment that is conducive to research and offers favorable conditions for international cooperation. The aim is that each centre develops its own impact in the region and beyond. The centers are to be networked with one another and will work on cross-cutting issues in research, teaching and management jointly.

DAAD provides funds within the new programme "Establishment of Centers of Excellence for Teaching and Research to Train Future Leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa" for a new "Tanzanian-German Centre for Postgraduate Studies in Law" that has been established at the Faculty of Law, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Centre offers a postgraduate study programme in law (LL.M. and Ph.D.) to be conducted in close cooperation between the Universities of Dar es Salaam and Bayreuth.

The postgraduate study programme established at the Law Faculty of the University of Dar es Salaam in cooperation with the University of Bayreuth provide exceptionally talented young lawyers with a framework for academic and professional qualification in this regard. Collaboration with academics from various African and European universities will facilitate regional and international exchange and networking and provide stimulation in theory and practice. A goal will also be to strengthen and intensify the already close Tanzanian-German cooperation between the Universities of Dar es Salaam and Bayreuth through, among other things, an alumni network, into a reliable and sustainable partnership.

For more information please visit [http://www.ias.uni-bayreuth.de/en/centre\\_of\\_excellence/index.html](http://www.ias.uni-bayreuth.de/en/centre_of_excellence/index.html) or <http://www.daad-magazin.de/09159/index.html>

## **(7) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BRUCHSAL**

Scholarships worth 90,000 € for Master Degree Programs in Germany are to be awarded of the International University Bruchsal in Germany. The International University in Germany ([IU](#)) offers three scholarships of 15,000 € each to students joining the Master of Science in Computer Science ([MScCS](#)) and three scholarships of 15,000 € each to students joining the Master of Information and Communication Technology ([MICT](#)) programs at IU in January 2009. The scholarships cover 100% of the tuition fee (15,000 €) and will be awarded to the three academically best applicants for the admission fall 2008.

Requirement: The applicant has to apply online at [https://i-u.academy4.com/i-u/CI\\_form.php](https://i-u.academy4.com/i-u/CI_form.php) and hand in his CV, letter of motivation, and Bachelor Degree Certificate.

For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lehmann through [www.i-u.de](http://www.i-u.de) .

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**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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