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(1) POSTGRADUATE COURSES WITH RELEVANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES 2010/2011

Out of the large number of postgraduate courses offered in English language by German institutions of higher education, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports a carefully chosen selection of programmes which are of particular interest to junior executives from developing countries. These degree courses, which consist of one to two years of concentrated study, provide academically-trained young professionals in leading positions from developing countries with the opportunity to engage in postgraduate education and training in their particular field of profession.

DAAD study scholarships for the postgraduate courses with relevance to developing countries are open to excellently-qualified graduates who hold a Bachelor's (Second Upper, or above) or comparable academic degree and have at least two years of relevant professional experience after graduation. Not more than six years should have passed between the time when the most recent degree was gained and the time of application. Please note: For some courses with relevance to developing countries there are age limits.

Besides previous academic achievements, the most important selection criterion is a convincing presentation of the applicant's academic and personal reasons for the planned study project in Germany and the expected profit towards development policy.

Applicants are expected to have at least two years of work experience after graduation in their special field and should, if possible, be working in public institutions like a Ministry or Local Government department, an NGO, Chamber of Industry and Commerce, a company or firm in direct relation to rural development, among others.

The DAAD may fund for its scholarship holders the attendance of a German language course at a language school in Germany before the scholarship-supported studies begin. This is free of charge to the scholarship holder.

Please note: Some graduate courses use additional application conditions which have to be considered in any case.

Applicants, who have been resident in Germany for longer than one year at the time of application, cannot be considered.

At present, postgraduate courses are offered in the following fields:

- Economic Sciences/Business Administration/Political Economics
- Development Co-operation
- Engineering and Related Sciences
- Mathematics
- Regional Planning
- Agriculture and Forest Sciences
- Environmental Sciences
- Medicine and Public Health
- Veterinary Medicine
- Sociology and Education

For enquiries, please visit www.daad.de/development or email to daadghana@yahoo.com

(2) DAAD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL TRAINING

Applicants for DAAD scholarships in the medical field (including from fields such as Human Medicine, Dental Medicine, Veterinary Medicine) can get access to funding in the form of non-extendable research grants scheduled to run up to one year as part of the specialist medical training being completed in the home country. Applicants can also access this non-extendable research grant for a research project and for research stays to collect material for a dissertation / doctoral thesis to be written in the home country for a publication.

Extendable research grants are awarded only for purely natural sciences based doctoral programmes or studies in Germany (e.g. leading to Dr. rer. nat. or Dr. rer. medic. degrees). Generally, the total funding term is three years. In contrast, it is not possible to provide more than one year of funding for the purpose of producing a medical dissertation / doctoral thesis (Dr. med., Dr. med. vet., or Dr. med. dent.).

For more detailed information and further enquiries, please email: daadghana@yahoo.com

(3) DAAD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ARTISTS

The DAAD study scholarships for artists aim to provide foreign applicants from the field of Fine Art, Design, Film, Music and Architecture as well as Drama, Direction, Dance and Choreography with an opportunity to complete a course of extension studies, without gaining a formal degree or qualification,

at a German state (public) or state-recognized higher education institution. As a rule, scholarships for attendance of a course of extension studies are awarded to applicants who have exhausted the training possibilities available to them in their home country and have - as far as possible - concluded these studies with an appropriate degree. No more than six years should generally have passed between the time when they gained their degree and the time of this application.

Study scholarships are generally awarded for one academic year. In individual cases and upon application, scholarships may be extended.

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(4) PRACTICAL TRAINEESHIP FOR STUDENTS OF NATURAL AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Practical training placements for students of natural and technical sciences, agriculture and forestry are arranged by the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE).

Usually, traineeships are two to three months in duration with various firms, institutions of higher education and research institutes. In individual cases, traineeships of extended duration can be arranged. Specific information on conditions of eligibility for placement and funding is available from the National IAESTE coordinator.

For further enquiries, contact the IAESTE Ghana coordinator, Mr. Simon Yaw Boribah, Assistant Registrar (Student Affairs), KNUST: syboriba@gmail.com or Ghana@iaste.org

(5) OFFICIAL OPENING OF DAAD FUNDED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

The secretary-general of DAAD, Dr. Christian Bode, will officially inaugurate on June 16th, 2009, the DAAD funded "Ghanaian-German Centre for Development Studies and Health Research" at the University of Ghana, Legon.

The Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana, Legon and the Center for Development Research (ZEF), at the University of Bonn, Germany will 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.

The Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) with its multi-disciplinary, socio-economic scope of research focuses on activities which promote the socio-economic development of Ghana, in particular, and Africa more generally. 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 joint PhD teaching programme "ACBRIDGE – Bridging academic institutions" at the School of Public Health, University of Ghana, is a programme tailored to the needs of Sub-Saharan African universities. In this programme "tandems" of two students, one from the North and one from the South, will be working closely together. Together with other tandems they will form "interdisciplinary working groups" that cooperate on specific regionally relevant research foci from different angles (public health, social sciences, epidemiology, clinical sciences, biosciences). The "interdisciplinary working groups" are embedded into the School of Public Health, University of Ghana, in close interaction with two Ghanaian research centres, Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC) and Kintampo Health Research Centre (KHRC). The PhD programme will be supported by three Northern partners, which bring in the full range of health science disciplines. These partners are University Hospital Heidelberg, Section Clinical Tropical Medicine; University of Bielefeld, School of Public Health, Department of Epi-

demiology & International Public Health; Swiss Tropical Institute, Department of Medical Parasitology and Infection Biology.

(6) ECOSYS 2009 – INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEMS IN ACCRA

From 20th to 23rd July, 2009 a symposium on sustainable and harmonious ecosystems for Africa will be held at Valley View University, Accra, in collaboration with the Engineer Ecological Association (Ingenieurökologische Vereinigung e.V.) from Germany. The symposium will focus at research & development, education, social-science, architecture, spatial planning, watershed management, renewable resources, authorities, NGOs, civil services etc.

Ecological engineering approaches engineering systems in a holistic way, not only the appropriate technologies like solar energy and constructed wetlands, but also the socio-cultural methods like dialogue, communication on different traditions, life-styles, cultural backgrounds etc. The Symposium will encompass the final experiences and results of the joint research & development programme "Ecological development of Valley View University, Accra, Ghana" from 2003-2009, financed by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The implemented measures will be explained during the excursion of the Symposium.

For more information visit www.vvu.edu.gh or www.ioev.de (see 'Projects' in English language).

(7) (NO) TUITION FEES AT GERMAN UNIVERSITIES

In Germany, education policy is under the responsibility of the 16 federal states. The Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht) decided in 2005 that the German government will not have the power to strictly prevent the various federal states from implementing their individual tuition fees.

The following list indicates the current tuition fees of German universities in the various federal states.

No Tuition Fees in:

(1) Berlin; (2) Brandenburg; (3) Hessen; (4) Mecklenburg-Vorpommern; (5) Sachsen-Anhalt; (6) Sachsen; (7) Schleswig-Holstein; (8) Thüringen.

Tuition Fees in:

(9) Baden-Württemberg – 500 Euro per semester; (10) Bayern – 500 Euro per semester; (11) Bremen – 500 Euro per semester; (12) Hamburg – 375 Euro per semester; (13) Niedersachsen – 500 Euro per semester; (14) Nordrhein-Westfalen – 500 Euro per semester; (15) Rheinland-Pfalz – 650 Euro per semester; (16) Saarland - – 300 to 500 Euro per semester.

Please bear in mind that, apart from this, students in Germany have to pay administrative fees that are not mentioned here.

We recommend that you check for the exact tuition fees at the respective university websites.

(8) DFG SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE DONATIONS FOR FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

The German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft – DFG) is the main organization for the support of research projects at German universities and public research institutes. In cooperation with the German Federal Foreign Office the DFG supports the distribution of German research results abroad by assisting foreign academic institutions in the acquisition of German publications.

Under this scheme applications from foreign institutions are accepted for monographs, serials, handbooks and CD-ROMS (from any subject or discipline) by authors from Germany either in German or in available translations. Subscriptions of periodicals by German publishers are also funded. Academic

institutions from developing countries may also apply for monographs which are produced by foreign publishers. This does not, however, include publications from the country of the applicant. Individual applications can by no means be considered.

The requested materials must be in print and available through booksellers. The purchase of antiquarian titles is not possible. Subscriptions of periodicals can be financed for a period of 3 - 4 years. After that the applicant is expected to meet the costs of the continuation of the subscriptions out of his/her own budget.

Requests for publications dealing with German as a foreign language and literature on regional aspects of Germany can not be considered under this programme.

Applications from institutions for book donations can be made at any time. The head of the applying institution should address the request directly to the DFG.

It is of great importance to the DFG that the publications provided are made available to all interested parties over a significant period of time. Therefore information is requested regarding the situation of the library in question.

Attached to the letter of application must be a list of requested publications arranged by priority. The ordering of priorities is essential, as the DFG reserves the right to make cuts and award only partial grants, depending on the availability of funds.

The reasons for the selection of the publications requested should be given, along with a short presentation of their planned use and intended location.

For more detailed information refer to the DFG guidelines for scientific literature donations and visit:

http://www.dfg.de/forschungsfoerderung/formulare/download/12_51.pdf or
http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes_at_a_glance.html or
http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/forms/index.html

Please address all enquiries to the DFG, c/o Ms. Reuter: Christine.Reuter@dfg.de

(9) ERASMUS MUNDUS II (PHASE 2)

Erasmus Mundus is an Excellence Programme of the European Union. In its first phase, it gave students from all around the world the opportunity to study various Master's programmes in institutions of higher learning in European countries with very attractive scholarships earning them a 'double degree' or 'joint degree' from these institutions.

The second phase of the Erasmus Mundus programme (Erasmus Mundus II) will run from 2009 till 2013. In addition to the current joint graduate programmes, an 'External Cooperation Window' will also be integrated. This part of the programme will involve all educational levels (i.e. from Bachelor to Post doc) in developing countries.

On the occasion of the National Conference to launch the Erasmus Mundus II (phase 2) programme on the 11th of March, 2009 in Berlin, the secretary-general of DAAD, Dr. Christian Bode acknowledged the immense success of the phase I of the Erasmus Mundus programme. The Erasmus Mundus master courses included 103 programmes selected throughout Europe. There were 54 German Universities involved as partners whereas German Universities were also involved as coordinators for 11 Master programmes.

The German Universities which are involved as coordinators for Erasmus Mundus Master degree programmes are as follows:

1. University of Potsdam: EMCL - European Masters Clinical Linguistics
2. Charité Medical School, Berlin: TropEd - European Master of Science Programme in International Health
3. University of Hannover: European Legal Practice

4. Technical University of Dresden: European Masters Programme in Computational Logic
5. University of Saarland: AMASE: Joint European Masters Programme in Advanced Materials Science and Engineering
6. University of Leipzig: European Master in Global Studies
7. University des Saarland: LCT - European Masters Programme in Language and Communication Technologies
8. Technische University of Hamburg-Harburg: JEMES - Joint European Master Programme in Environmental Studies
9. University of Münster: Master of Science in Geospatial Technologies
10. University of Karlsruhe: EU4M - European Union Master's Course in Mechatronic and Micro-Mechatronic Systems
11. Technical University of Darmstadt: Interdisciplinary Erasmus Mundus Master Course International Cooperation and Urban Development

For further Information visit <http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus>

(10) CENTER OF EXCELLENCE OPENED IN SOUTH AFRICA

On April 2, 2009, the South African German Centre for Development Research and Criminal Justice was officially opened with a speech by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu as the guest of honor. The Center is one of five centers of excellence in Sub-Saharan Africa being established by DAAD within the scope of the "Aktion Afrika" programme of the German Federal Foreign Office.

The Centre at the University of Western Cape in Cape Town will offer a one-year LL.M. programme "Transnational Criminal Justice and Crime Prevention – an International and African Perspective" that includes modules in international criminal justice as well as a PhD programme in Development Research and Criminal Justice. Cooperation partners are the Ruhr University Bochum (Institute for Development Research and Development Policy) and the Humboldt University Berlin (Faculty of Law) and are of particular relevance for the African continent.

Centres of Excellence in Ghana (Development Studies and Health Research), Tanzania (Postgraduate Studies in Law), DR Congo (Microfinance), Namibia (Logistics) and South Africa are being established as teaching and research hubs in line with international standards, for training future leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa. This project pursues the goal of significantly raising both the quality and the relevance of education in chosen subjects at African universities, creating research capacities, and networking African universities and research institutes with one another, as well as with German partners. The promotion of future leaders plays a special role in this process

(11) LATE SUMMER SEMESTER ADMISSIONS – UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED MANAGEMENT, CAMPUS GHANA.

The University of Applied Management, Germany (Campus Ghana) is accepting applications for its summer semester until 30th April, 2009. The following are the programmes available:

Bachelor programmes (36months - \$1,200 per semester)

- Business Administration (Options: Strategic & Marketing Management, Organization & Personnel Management, International Management, Business Engineering)
- Business Psychology (Options: Market & Advertising Psychology, Organizational Psychology).
Sport & Event Management (Options: Event Management, Sports Club & Association Management, Sports Facilities Management)

Master's Programmes (24 months - \$1,350 per semester)

- Business Psychology (Options: Market & Advertising Psychology, Industrial & Organizational Psychology).
- Sport & Event Management (Options: Event Management, Sports Management).
- **MBA – 18months - \$6,900** (Options: Project Management, Health Management, Finance, International Management, HRM)

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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)
