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(1) COURSES WITH RELEVANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES – APPLICATION IN PROGRESS

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

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

A limited number of DAAD-scholarships are available. The minimum application requirements are:

- ? A good Bachelor's degree with a Second Class upper or higher
- ? At least 2 years of relevant working experience your field
- ? Academic degree (i.e. Bachelor's degree) not older than 6 years

All qualified graduates are encouraged to apply. Please visit our office or email daadghana@yahoo.com for further information.

The deadline for submission of the final application package is for most courses 31st August, 2009.

(2) PUBLIC POLICY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME – APPLICATION IN PROGRESS

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.

Very well qualified graduates with a first university degree (Bachelor or equivalent) who in the future want to actively contribute to the social and economic development of their home countries are encouraged to apply. The scholarships are offered both for young graduates without professional experience and for mid-career professionals. 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 (describing your background, interests and motivation for the postgraduate programme) to the DAAD Information Center Accra as soon as possible: daadghana@yahoo.com.

The deadline for submission of the final application package is 15th of September, 2009.

(3) INAUGURATION OF DAAD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON

The Director of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for southern hemisphere, Dr. Helmut Blumbach inaugurated the Ghanaian-German Center for Development Studies and Health Research at the University of Ghana on Tuesday, 16th June, 2009. The Ghanaian-German Center for Development Studies and Health Research is one of the five African Centers of Excellence funded

under the African Excellence Program of the German Foreign Office and facilitated by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (IS-SER) 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. In the joint PhD teaching programme "ACBRIDGE -- Bridging academic institutions" at the School of Public Health, University of Ghana, "interdisciplinary working groups" will cooperate on specific regionally relevant research foci from different angles (public health, social sciences, epidemiology, clinical sciences, biosciences). The PhD programme will be supported by University Hospital Heidelberg (Section Clinical Tropical Medicine); University of Bielefeld (School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology & International Public Health); Swiss Tropical Institute (Department of Medical Parasitological and Infection Biology).

The DAAD funds a number of PhD scholarships for applicants in development studies and health research at the Center of Excellence. Further enquiries can be addressed to daadghana@yahoo.com

(4) LEARN GERMAN ONLINE – INTERACTIVE AND FREE

Experience a new dimension of learning! This free interactive online German course is ideal for both beginners and those who have some previous knowledge of German. The 30-part self-study course covers levels A1 and B1 of the Common European Frame of References for Languages. Authentic videos, slideshows and audio texts convey a vibrant picture of life in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Accompanying worksheets, exercises and tests have been designed to complement your personal study program. The course also includes a grammar chart, a 7,000-word dictionary and a pronunciation guide.

Before you start the course, you can determine which course level is appropriate for you by answering a few assessment questions. The online course can also be used as a curriculum-accompanying instrument that attractively supports and complements classroom teaching. Good luck and have fun learning!

Web page: www.dw-world.de/germancourses

(5) MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF BONN, GERMANY

The Computer Science Department at the University of Bonn offers an English-taught, two-year Master's Program. The program comprises four tracks:

- ? Algorithmics
- ? Graphics, Vision, Audio
- ? Information and Communication Management
- ? Intelligent Systems

It is open to B.A. graduates with a degree in Computer science or a related area. For detailed information on the application procedure, please visit our website at: <http://master.cs.uni-bonn.de> or contact Ms. Sibylle Hahn at servicebuero@informatik.uni-bonn.de.

Application deadline for the upcoming winter semester will be July 1, 2009 (for non-EU-citizens) and September 15, 2009 for EU-citizens.

Course fees: 820 Euro/semester for non EU-citizens, 670 Euro/semester for EU-citizens.

(6) ONE YEAR INTERNATIONAL MASTERS IN SPATIAL PLANNING

The Faculty of Spatial Planning at the TU Dortmund University is proud to announce its new Master Programme „Spatial Planning in Europe“. Its aim is to improve students' understanding of the supranational influences on spatial planning systems and policies in Europe and to equip them with theoretical, methodological and communicative tools to participate in transboundary cooperation.

All relevant information concerning the program structure and admission requirements can be found here: http://www.raumplanung.uni-dortmund.de/rp/master_europe_en.html

Applications are still being accepted.

(7) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOSYSTEM, VALLEY VIEW UNIVERSITY, JULY 20TH – 23RD 2009.

A four day-symposium scheduled for July 20th - 23rd 2009 would be organised under the auspices of Valley View University (VVU) in collaboration with the German Ministry of Education and Research. This would be a call for a rethinking of how nations, institutions and individuals could evolve sustainable ecological friendly ways of dealing with the challenges of climate change, population growth, expansion of urban slums and rural migration. Under the theme; “Harmonious Ecosystem for a Bright future - Success Pathways to Sustainability in Africa,” the event is a joint research and development programme dubbed: “ecological development of VVU” which ends in 2009.

The symposium will therefore showcase the final experiences and result of the project; and serve as a platform for dialogue for the establishment of sustainable solutions elsewhere. Dr Daniel Opoku Boateng, Vice President for Students' Life and Services, VVU said the institution and its German partners were convinced that by sharing their know-how and collective wisdom, “we will create visions and ways of replicating the successful story of VVU's attempt at creating a better world where human can co-exist for the mutual benefit of all”.

He noted that an imbalanced ecosystem, often arising out of human activities result in polluted air and water bodies, floods, diseases, wastes, degradation of the environment among other things. The symposium, he said, would also serve as an opportunity for the out-dooring of VVU's rain water storage, tree planting and Baobab Centre for eco studies, another project being funded under climate Change initiative of German government.

Dr. Opoku Boateng noted that VVU's educational philosophy is to train students to acquire the sensibility and appreciation for the conservation of nature and humans. As part of the Ecological Master Plan, recycling and reuse of waste water, urine and organics as fertilizer and soil conditioner on farmlands and biogas for energy being implemented at VVU were testimonies to what the university had achieved so far, he added.

(8) FRIEDRICH WILHELM BESSEL RESEARCH AWARD

Scientists and scholars, internationally renowned in their field, who completed their doctorates less than twelve years ago and who in future are expected to continue producing cutting-edge achievements which will have a seminal influence on their discipline beyond their immediate field of work, are eligible to be nominated for a Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award.

Award winners are honoured for their outstanding research record and invited to spend a period of up to one year cooperating on a long-term research project with specialist colleagues at a research institution in Germany. The stay may be divided up into blocks.

The Humboldt Foundation grants up to 25 Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Awards annually.

Nominations may be submitted by established academics in Germany. Direct applications are not accepted. The award is valued at 45,000 EUR.

Further informations: <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/5339.html>

(9) HUMBOLT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP FOR POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

Submit an application if you are a researcher from abroad with above average qualifications, at the beginning of your academic career and only completed your doctorate in the last four years. A Humboldt Research Fellowship for postdoctoral researchers allows you to carry out a long-term research project (6-24 months) you have selected yourself in cooperation with an academic host you have selected yourself at a research institution in Germany.

Scientists and scholars of all nationalities and disciplines may apply to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation directly at any time. The Humboldt Foundation grants approximately 600 Humboldt Research Fellowships for postdoctoral researchers and experienced researchers annually. Short-term study visits, participation in congresses and training courses cannot be financed.

Further information: <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/771.html>

(10) GEORG FORSTER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP FOR EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS

Submit an application if you are a researcher from a developing country with above average qualifications, completed your doctorate less than twelve years ago, already have your own research profile and are working at least at the level of Assistant Professor or Junior Research Group Leader or have a record of several years of independent academic work. A Georg Forster Research Fellowship for experienced researchers allows you to carry out a long-term research project (6- 18 months) you have selected yourself in cooperation with an academic host you have selected yourself at a research institution in Germany. The fellowship is flexible and can be divided up into as many as three stays within three years.

Scientists and scholars of all disciplines from developing and threshold countries (excluding People's Republic of China, India and Turkey; c.f. detailed list of countries) may apply to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation directly at any time. The research proposal must address issues of significant relevance to the further development of your country of origin and, in this context, promise to facilitate the transfer knowledge and methods to developing and threshold countries.

The Humboldt Foundation grants up to 60 Georg Forster Research Fellowships for postdoctoral researchers and experienced researchers annually. Short-term study visits, participation in congresses and training courses cannot be financed.

Further information: <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/1543.html>

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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)
