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## Dear Reader,

Welcome to the June, 2014 edition of the DAAD Ghana Newsletter. Thank you for being part of our information dissemination in Ghana.

In 2010 the Ghanaian government (through the Ministry of Education) and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a scholarship programme. This is to sponsor a maximum of 20 candidates every year to pursue their PhD in Germany. The candidates are to be selected in a three stage bi-national procedure.

For the first intake in 2012, a group of twelve PhD candidates were selected to go to Germany for a research stay. There were 9 in 2013 and in 2014, there were 14 candidates who were selected to be sponsored under the DAAD-Government of Ghana scholarship scheme.

Altogether, the scholarship programme has been very successful, seeing Ghanaians especially lecturers and junior lecturers in the country's universities being given the opportunities to pursue their doctoral research programmes in Germany. Hopefully, by the close of the year 2015, we expect to see candidates from intake 2012 graduating.

We however expect all the positions (maximum of 20) to be filled this year and we encourage many more lecturers and junior lecturers to apply for numerous opportunities in Germany. Email us at [info@daad-ghana.org](mailto:info@daad-ghana.org) to find out about the 2015/16 call advertised by the scholarship secretariat.

Know about this and other DAAD programmes on our website ([www.daad-ghana.org](http://www.daad-ghana.org)) as well as other social media platform ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) of DAAD Ghana.



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German Academic Exchange Service



DAAD scholarship holders (Intake 2014/15) in a group picture during the official handing-over ceremony of their scholarship documents at the Goethe Institute.

You can also subscribe to the DAAD Ghana Info-service. Just text [#DAADGHANA](#) to short code 1942 on all networks.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this newsletter.

Director, DAAD Information Center Accra

## Welcome to Germany



## Land of Ideas

## Proposed dates for DAAD Campus tour

The DAAD Information Center embarks on a campus tour to visit several cities and campuses especially in the North of Ghana in the second half of the year. The following are campuses and the proposed dates

- Tamale (UDS Campus): 6th Oct. 2014
- Wa (UDS Campus): 7th Oct. 2014
- Nyankpala (UDS Campus): 8th Oct. 2014
- Navrongo (UDS Campus): 9th Oct. 2014
- Winneba (UEW, Campus): 22nd Oct. 2014

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Interested in pursuing a PhD in Germany?

Make use of the PhD database:

[www.phdgermany.de](http://www.phdgermany.de)

#### Learn more about Research-in-Germany

[www.research-in-germany.de](http://www.research-in-germany.de)

Among other things, find out about Germany's Research Landscape, funding opportunities for your research (mostly for doctoral and post doc research), research areas, news and events etc.

**Research in  
Germany**  
Land of Ideas

#### DAAD Scholarship

[www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)

Search for DAAD funded programmes as well as scholarships from other German scholarship awarding Institutions.

#### DAAD Scholarship for Courses with Relevance to Developing Countries

Please visit: [www.daad.de/pgc](http://www.daad.de/pgc) and go to 'Information for Students and Alumni' - click on Postgraduate Information and then Postgraduate courses. Please note, applications are made one year prior to commencement of scholarship.

#### Alumniportal Deutschland

[www.alumniportal-deutschland.org](http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org)

As a Germany trained alumnus/alumna, you are welcome to join other Germany trained colleagues through this online community. Find jobs, follow-up on Blogs, join subject related groups etc.

## West African Clean Energy and Environment Fair 2014

The West African Clean Energy and Environment Exhibition and Conference (WACEE) seeks to bring all stakeholders in the Energy sector within the sub-region under one umbrella. The first exhibition and conference which was held in November, 2012, provided an ideal platform for bringing together the knowledge and experience of international scientists and decision makers from industry and government.

This year, the 3rd edition of WACEE will have a broader focus on:

- Renewable and conventional energy generation
- Energy efficiency and electrical engineering
- Environmental technology
- Waste recycling
- Water and sewage treatment

The DAAD Information Center Accra will be present throughout the fair informing about study and research opportunities in Germany. We will also make available a wide variety of information material to give away.

Meet us at our stand! Entrance is free of charge.

Venue: Accra International Conference Center

Dates: 3rd to 5th November, 2014

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

For further information about the exhibition and conference, visit:

<http://wacee.net>

## Ghana International Book Fair

The Ghana International Book Fair is an occasion for dialogue with publishers and all stakeholders in the book industry as well as an opportunity for the general public buy books (educational books and literature) and other published materials.

The DAAD Information Center Accra will be represented throughout the fair informing about study and research opportunities in Germany. We will also have available a wide

variety of information material to give away.

Entrance is free of charge.

Date: 4th to 8th November, 2014

Time: 9am-5pm daily

Venue: Ghana Trade Fair Center, Labadi

For more information: <http://ghanabookfair.org>

## Public Policy and Good Governance scholarship programme

This programme is designed to further qualify future leaders in politics, law, economics and administration according to the principles of Good Governance and to prepare them in a praxis-oriented course for their professional life. The programme offers very good graduates with a first university degree 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. There are a group of 8 courses in 8 specific institutions in Germany. Application for the scholarship and admission to the programme is made directly at the institutions. Application deadlines varies between 15th July and 1st September, 2014.

Visit our scholarship page ([www.daad-ghana.org](http://www.daad-ghana.org)) or [www.daad.de/ppgg](http://www.daad.de/ppgg).

You may also email: [info@daad-ghana.org](mailto:info@daad-ghana.org) for further assistance.

## DAAD scholarship for courses with relevance to developing countries

From among 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 of particular interest to professionals/junior executives from developing countries.

These degree courses, which consist of one to two years of concentrated study, provide young, academically-trained professionals in leading positions from developing countries with the opportunity to engage in postgraduate education and training in their particular fields or professions.

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The basic requirements are:

- At least 2 years of professional experience (including national service)
- Bachelors degree (at least 2nd Class upper)
- Most recent degree should not be over 6 years ago.

Scholarship and admission is applied for one year prior to commencement of scholarship. Please note that the application has to be sent directly to the respective university and not through the DAAD regional office or the German Embassy as it was in the last years.

For further information and the complete list of the courses with application deadlines for the 2015/16 academic year, visit: [www.daad.de/pgc](http://www.daad.de/pgc) or Email: [info@daad-ghana.org](mailto:info@daad-ghana.org)

**DAAD research grant (short-term and long-term)**

DAAD supports research grants for the completion of a PhD research programme in a German institution or in Ghana within the 'Sandwich Model' scholarship scheme. PhD candidates can also apply for a short-term grant for a 1-6 months research stay in Germany.

Apart from having good Master's and Bachelor's degree (2<sup>nd</sup> Class upper and above), candidates must have completed their most recent academic degree within the past six years.

The application for this grant is made online once a year prior to the year of commencement of scholarship. Access to the online application portal is through [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de) where you enter your "Status" (in this case 'Doctoral candidate'), your "Country of origin" and your "Subject" (subject area of research). Select 'DAAD funding programmes only'. Click on "refine your selection". Find and click on the link " Research Grants for Doctoral candidates and Young Academics and scientists". Choose the appropriate research grant for your application.

Application for the research grant will open on 15th July, 2014 and close on **15th October, 2014** for scholarship period starting in 2015.

In preparation, students or prospective students can look for research opportunities:

⇒ PhD training programmes:

[www.daad.de/international-programmes](http://www.daad.de/international-programmes)

⇒ Research supervisors:

[www.daad.de/research-explorer](http://www.daad.de/research-explorer) OR

[www.phdgermany.de](http://www.phdgermany.de)

For further help, email [info@daad-ghana.org](mailto:info@daad-ghana.org)

**MSc. Integrated Water Resources Management (WRM)**

This master's programme is being offered at the Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ITT) at the Cologne University of Applied Science. It specializes in fields like Water Resource Management, Hydrology, Water Supply and Demand, Sanitation and health, River Engineering, Water Scarcity and Drought, Flood Risk Management, Water System Analysis among others. Applications are welcome for suitable candidates with experience and interest in related fields.

This programme is offered at the Cologne University of Applied Science. It is also supported by the DAAD scholarship for courses with relevance to developing countries. For more information, send an email to [info-terma@itt.fh-koeln.de](mailto:info-terma@itt.fh-koeln.de) or visit [www.tt.fh-koeln.de](http://www.tt.fh-koeln.de)

**MSc. Natural Resource Management and Development (NRM)**

The programme is designed for young professionals of various academic backgrounds such as engineers, natural scientists, social scientists with professional experience relevant to fields like Land Use Systems and the Environment, Public Services and Housing Provision, Ecosystems Services and Conservation, Food Security, Ecological and Social Risks and their Management and other related fields.

This programme is offered at the Cologne University of Applied Science. It is also supported by the DAAD scholarship for courses with relevance to developing countries. For more information, send an email to [info-terma@itt.fh-koeln.de](mailto:info-terma@itt.fh-koeln.de) or visit [www.tt.fh-koeln.de](http://www.tt.fh-koeln.de)

**MSc. Renewable Energy Management (REM)**

The MSc. Programme in Renewable Energy Management focuses on Renewable Energy Manage-

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ment and Systems, Solar Energy, Wind Energy, Bio-Energy, Hydro, Geothermal and New Nergy Systems, Energy Policy and Legislation, Energy Markets and Econims, Energy Energy Management, Rural Electrification, Grid and Energy Storage and other related fields.

Candidates with basic experience and interest in these and other related fields are invited to apply.

This programme is offered at the Cologne University of Applied Science. It is also supported by the DAAD scholarship for courses with relevance to developing countries. For more information, send an email to [info-terma@itt.fh-koeln.de](mailto:info-terma@itt.fh-koeln.de) or visit [www.tt.fh-koeln.de](http://www.tt.fh-koeln.de)

### MBA in International Business Consulting

The MBA "International Business Consulting" (IBC) is a compact, hands-on, international program preparing you in 15 months for a leading position in In-house Consulting as well as in External Consulting.

The faculty is comprised of experienced university professors and German, British and American external guest lecturers from companies and consulting agencies such as Bosch, Dow and Ernst & Young.

The programme is taught entirely in English language. Application deadline for 2014/15 academic year (Winter semester) is 30th June.

For more information: [www.mba-ibc.com](http://www.mba-ibc.com) or contact us at: [ibc@hs-offenburg.de](mailto:ibc@hs-offenburg.de)

### Leibniz Graduate School (SUTAS): Sustainable Use of Tropical Aquatic Systems

SUTAS is a new Leibniz graduate school coordinated by the Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT) and conducted jointly with partners in and around Bremen as well as the tropics. It offers a structured, high-level interdisciplinary graduate training (PhD) in the field of tropical coastal system research. Tropical coastal regions are characterised by rapid social and environmental changes, which lead to threats to ecosystem functions and services with local as well as global impacts.

Research areas include Seagrass and algae, Organic matter cycling, Carbonate builders, Fish behaviour, Fisheries assessment and modelling as well as Food

and nutrition.

To know of available PhD positions, please visit [www.zmt-bremen.de/sutas.html](http://www.zmt-bremen.de/sutas.html)

### Mutatio Institute

The Mutatio Institute is an independent and not for profit Think Tank established by a group of DAAD alumni from the Public Policy and Good Governance programme.

Mutatio is on a mission to create a pluralistic, non partisan, multi-stakeholder milieu wherein the goals of policy formulation and the dividends of governance are viewed as principal means to building sustainable livelihoods with ethical and accountable leadership as the overarching aim. This will be achieved through facilitating critical policy debates, negotiating alternative policy paradigms to existing approaches, based on original research and shifting focus from regime preservation to citizen empowerment.



Mrs. Berit Stoppa (Director, DAAD Ghana) in a Picture with Mr. Mark Amaliya (left) and Mr. Ghadafi Saibu (right); two founding research fellows of Mutatio Institute

**Vision:** To become the lead authority in steering shifts in policy paradigms, transformative agents of responsive and accountable governance and creating a knowledge portal to share the experiences of Ghana with its neighbours within the ECOWAS sub-region.

The founding team of Research Fellows of Mutatio Institute is made of 6 policy analyst with grounded training in Policy Analysis and Good Governance namely, Fortune Agbele (Executive Director), Ghadafi Saibu (Dep. Executive Director), Mark Amaliya Anyorikyea, Micheal Nkansah, Roy Austin Reagan and Gervin Chanase.

For more information,

Email: [mutatio.institute@gmail.com](mailto:mutatio.institute@gmail.com)

## Research in Germany: Testimonials from doctoral scholarship holders



Evelyn Mireku, in a hand-shake with Mr. Prince Asante from the Ghana Scholarship Secretariat

*"My name is Evelyn Mireku from Ghana. Thanks to the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), I have received sponsorship to pursue a doctorate in Germany beginning this year. For me and all the other Ghanaian recipients of 'intake 2014/15', this is a dream come true. I believe that this opportunity given by the DAAD will propel more young dedicated and hardworking students from Africa to pursue higher education in Germany. This way, capacity is built and knowledge is increased for the development of our homelands in Africa. I know this opportunity is the beginning of the homelands in Africa. I know this opportunity is the beginning of another lasting thread of fruitful collaboration between the DAAD and Ghana. Though I am quite anxious of my new life in Germany, I am very happy to know that the DAAD is always around, much more in Germany and I can always turn to them for any assistance throughout my stay in Germany. Thank you DAAD!"* (Evelyn Mireku, PhD scholarship holder, intake 2014/15)



Eistine Boateng, Studying at the University of Gießen

*"Having planned to pursue a career in research and teaching at the master's level, I looked no further but an enabling environment with warm hearts for people and a place well defined as an embodiment of knowledge in higher studies. Germany has presented me with an aura full of all that, and more than I could imagine. I have been well equipped with in-depth understanding of the necessary techniques for my PhD project and research area. All these are coupled with ongoing seminars, workshops, conferences and other academic programmes fashioned by the International Giessen Graduate Center for the Life Sciences (GGL) to prepare students for their project works and future careers. **Research in Germany is a mixture of independence and maximum guidance from supervisors.** In all, I have no doubts that Germany will continue to maintain its figure-head role in contemporary research and anyone deciding on a research career should also look no further like I did. I will be glad to welcome you."* (Eistine Boateng, PhD scholarship holder, intake 2013/14)

*Research in Germany has been clearly very interesting and as I get focused, the more I get support from my Professors. **German Professors are really very supportive and I have come to associate Research in Germany to Perseverance, Hardwork and Dedication (PHD).** Research in Germany gives you the needed support because as a researcher you are treated equally with all other staff with access to all facilities, workshops, seminars and financial support. I have passed the midway milestone in my research and on my way to a very successful research which would lead to the development of a Communication Training Program (CST) for Nurses. Germany being one of the most competitive economies in the world is equally one of the most competitive in research.* (Mustapha Mohammed, PhD scholarship, holder Intake 2012/13)



John Elvis Hagan, in a hand-shake with Mr. Thomas Wimmer from the German Embassy

*Being awarded with the DAAD Phd Scholarship is an incredible opportunity to tap into the rich research practices in Germany. Having won the ITK scholarship in 2007 to study at Leipzig University, the feeling of going back comes with nostalgia and again the platform to once again tap into Germany's rich academics. I am most grateful to all who in diverse ways contributed towards the award and it is my fervent hope that I, together with other award winners would take up this challenge and make mother Ghana proud. **Because of my previous experience, I can say that Germany is so beautiful, very rich in history and science, with wonderful tourist sites and a sports loving country.** I am by this encouraging everyone to take up any opportunity that might come their way with regards to*

*research in Germany. Long live Ghana, Long live Germany!!!* (John Elvis Hagan, PhD scholarship holder, intake 2014/15)

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Consultation Hours for individual consultation for applicants who already have admission to a German university or have the participatory Note from the Introductory Session:

Opening hours:

Mondays 15:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut) | Tuesdays 10–12h (German Embassy) | Fridays 14:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut)