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From left to right: Mrs. Lisa Hepp (German lecturer), Prof. Sekyi-Baidoo (Dean, Faculty of languages Education, UEW), Mrs. Berit Stoppa (Director, DAAD IC Accra), Mrs. Janina Cordbrüning (DAAD Language Assistant)

Dear Reader,

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome everyone in Academia to a very wonderful start of the Academic year 2014/2015.

To our DAAD scholars who are now beginning their studies at their various University destinations in Germany, we wish you a good stay in Germany.

The DAAD Information Center will also wish to welcome Mrs. Janina Cordbrüning to Ghana. She is the new Language Assistant assigned by DAAD to support the German Language Unit at the University of Education Winneba (UEW).

The German Language Unit, which operates under the French Department of the Faculty of Languages Education-UEW, has been growing over the years with an increasing number of students interested in taking German as a second language. Apart from Mrs. Cordbrüning, there are two new full time lecturers assigned to the German Unit this year. Furthermore, this year saw the first two recipients of DAAD summer school scholarships. The students have since returned back to Ghana with a rich cultural exchange experience and an improved proficiency level in the German language.

We wish the growing German language unit great success in the coming years.

Keep in touch with our Center via email through info@daad-ghana.org.

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

Welcome to Germany



Land of Ideas

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We hope that you will enjoy reading this newsletter. Viel Spaß!

Berit Stoppa
Director, DAAD Information Center Accra

DAAD Campus tour, October 2014

The following are dates and venues for the planned symposia on various campuses during the month of October, 2014:

- UDS-Tamale
Date: 6th Oct. 2014
Venue: Lecture Hall 1 (Faculty of Education, UDS, Chogu-Tamale)
Time: 10am
- UDS-Wa
Date: 7th Oct. 2014
Venue: tbc
Time: 10am
- UDS-Nyankpala
Date: 8th Oct. 2014
Venue: New Auditorium
Time: 10am

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**Interested in pursuing a PhD in Germany?**

Make use of the PhD database:

www.phdgermany.de

Learn more about Research-in-Germany

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.

**DAAD Scholarship**

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 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

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.

- UDS-Navrongo

Date: 9th Oct. 2014
Venue: New Hall 1, Navrongo Campus
Time: 10am

- University of Education Winneba (UEW)

Date: 22nd Oct. 2014
Venue: tbc
Time: 10am

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 to 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 (The DAAD Information Center Accra will be present on the 7th and 8th November, 2014).

Time: 9am-5pm daily

Venue: Ghana Trade Fair Center, Labadi

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

West African Clean Energy and Environment (WACEE) 2014 - Postponed

The West African Clean Energy and Environment Exhibition and Conference (WACEE) fair has been postponed by the organisers to February, 2014. The new announced dates are 14th to 16th February, 2015.

The DAAD Information Center Accra will still participate in this event as an exhibitor along side other German exhibitors in the clean energy and environment industry.

Please save the dates. You will be updated in our next Newsletter issue.

Monthly Introductory Sessions at the DAAD Information Center Accra

The DAAD Information Center Accra organizes monthly introductory sessions every first Thursday of the month. This is usually a one hour presentation followed by questions regarding general application procedures, DAAD scholarships, overview of visa requirements and procedures.

It is mandatory to attend one of these sessions before coming for a one-on-one discussion during our regular consultation hours if you do not already have an admission or a scholarship. The next dates are: 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December, 2014.

Everyone interested in studying or doing research in Germany is welcome to attend. It always starts at 4pm prompt. See you there. For updates, email us through info@daad-ghana.org



Introductory session at the Goethe Institut Accra on 4th September, 2014

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

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or professions.

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

or Email: 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 (2nd 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 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". Choose the appropriate programme 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

⇒ Research supervisors:
www.daad.de/research-explorer OR
www.phdgermany.de

For further help, email info@daad-ghana.org

Call for applications: Research stays for university academics and scientists

This programme aims to provide academics and scientists working in higher education or at research institutes with an opportunity to work on or to complete a research project at a state (public) or state-recognized higher education institution or non-university research institute in Germany.

This programme is for a duration of maximum 3 months. The most important selection criterion is a convincing and well-planned research project to be completed during the stay in Germany. The content and schedule must have been agreed with an academic supervisor or research collaboration partner at the German host institution in question. Written confirmation must be included with the application.

For further information visit: www.funding-guide.de and enter your "Status", your "Country of origin" and click on 'DAAD funded programmes only'. Then select the appropriate funding programme for this purpose. You may also contact the DAAD Information Center Accra (info@daad-ghana.org) for assistance.

Re-invitation programme for former DAAD scholarship holders

This programme enables DAAD to maintain contacts with its former scholarship holders who studied or were sponsored for at least one year programme.

Former scholarship holders who meet this criteria can apply for re-invitation to Germany to complete a research or work project at a state higher education institution or non-university research institute.

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Pre-study course in Fulda

"Pre-Study Fulda" is a special introductory semester for international applicants to Fulda University of Applied Sciences. "Pre-Study Fulda" provides advanced preparation for students from abroad who want to "warm up" for their future studies in Fulda. It provides a solid basis for students to build upon in order to complete their regular degree programme more quickly and more successfully.

Summer semester 2015: April 13- July 31, 2015

Application deadline: 15th January, 2015

For more information, visit www.pre-study-fulda.de or email Christina.pitz@hs-fulda.de

Hochschule Fulda
University of Applied Sciences

**Testimonials: German DAAD scholarship holders in Ghana****Hedda Ofoole Mensah****PhD student, University of Hamburg**

"My name is Hedda Ofoole Mensah. I am writing my PhD thesis at the University of Hamburg on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in supply chain. I am currently spending my last research period in Ghana. I am doing a field work on the supply chain of the palm oil industry and the understanding of CSR up to the lowest level: the farmers and their employers. I am from Berlin, where I live as well and I work as a scientific research assistant at the Beuth Technical University from time to time.

I found out about the DAAD scholarship opportunity online and I also knew about the DAAD through an internship with a DAAD lecturer in France. My scholarship includes all costs (travel, living expenses etc).

The research is proceeding better as I expected it to. Thankfully, I reached all contact persons and enterprises and was able to get a good overview of CSR in Ghana especially within the palm oil industry. The surveys at the production sites have been very exciting; finding oneself in the middle of a tropical forest for two days and getting an up-close impression of the working conditions of farmers helped me a lot to get an overall idea of my research work. I will finally use my remaining days to do interviews at the labor union in Tamale, the GIZ office in Accra and at two other scientific institutes.

Since I have worked several years in Ghana before and my father, who is Ghanaian, has come back to live in Ghana, it was not really my first impression this year. My real first impression happened 8 years ago. A lot has changed in Accra, but a lot is still as it was years ago, which is a pity. I was expecting more change.

In and around Ghana, I am seen more as a tourist. But if I mention my name, people get interested in my story. Apart from that, I would say that you can live in Ghana the same way I live in Germany only, if you have enough financial means. Eating a Pizza or going to the movies does not seem possible for most of the people, which is sad."

Dominic Westhoff**BA. Political Science Student, University of Freiburg**

"My name is Dominic Westhoff and I am currently doing an internship at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. Back in Germany I am studying Political Science, so the Foreign Office is a possible career opportunity for me. During the two months in Ghana I want to find out if the Foreign Office is an employer I could see myself working for in the future. During the application process I could chose nine embassies, of which six were in Africa. Accra was my first choice in Africa.

Since this internship is part of my undergraduate degree, I was able to apply for a DAAD scholarship. The online application process was fairly easy: They required a detailed overview of my university grades, other internships and experience abroad, as well as a letter of motivation. Once they received the files all I could do was hope for the best.

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Testimonials: German DAAD scholarship holders in Ghana cont'd

DAAD is covering part of my travel expenses as well as a small monthly support extensive enough to cover rent and transportation in Accra. Since the internship is unpaid, this financial support from DAAD is really helping me. After my time in Accra I am planning to continue my studies in Basel, Switzerland. The semester fees as well as living there will be quite expensive, so I am glad that this internship does not use up all my savings.

My day at the office begins with reading the newspapers: I am the one responsible for summarizing the national news and passing on the important articles – e.g. concerning the German-Ghanaian relations – to the right section. Apart from that I am pretty much free to support the colleagues in whatever they are working on.

So far I have worked a lot with the cultural department as well as organizing the upcoming celebrations for the German Unity Day. Other tasks have included working on development cooperation issues or visiting other German institutions here in Accra.

This is my third week at the embassy and up to now I really enjoy working here. I feel that while working here, you can contribute to something important. So if you ask me now, yes, I could definitely see myself in the Foreign Office. My first impression of Ghana was that the weather is not as good as I imagined it to be. Later I learned that the rain season lasted unusually long this year and the weather is fine now. Though this is not my first time living and working in Africa, Ghana is a lot easier than other countries because almost everybody speaks English here and the Ghanaians are very friendly and always offer a helping hand.”

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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 (Used to be at the German Embassy, but currently also held at the Goethe Institut) Fridays 14:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut)