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Scholarship holders with officials from the Ghana scholarship secretariat, the German Embassy, the Goethe Institut and the DAAD Information Center Accra during the scholarship handing-over ceremony held in Accra on the 4th of May, 2015

Dear Reader,

DAAD turned 90 years on 17th June, 2015. Hurray!!

As we celebrate the 90th anniversary, we are happy to announce that this year has seen the largest number of research grant awarded to Ghanaians. There were as many as 20 research grants awarded under the DAAD-Government of Ghana scholarship programme. There were 8 more grants under the Bi-nationally supervised doctoral degree programme as well as the DAAD research grant for doctoral programmes in Germany.

DAAD also awarded other individual PhD grants awarded through the 'courses with relevance to developing countries' and the 'special graduate school doctoral programmes'.

This is good news to individuals looking for research opportunities in Germany. There are so many opportunities open to you and we are here to help.

We congratulate all scholarship awardees and wish them the very best in their endeavours.

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.

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

Best regards,

Berit Stoppa
Director, DAAD Information Center Accra



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Research-in-Germany Seminar

The Research-in-Germany Seminar was held on 10th of June, 2015 at the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research.

It saw a gathering of about 110 participants from the University of Ghana, University of Health and Allied Sciences, University of Cape Coast, University of Development Studies, University of Education Winneba, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology as well as research institutions in Ghana. Participants included faculty members, doctoral candidates and graduate students.

The guest speaker was Prof. Michael Spittler from the Technical University of Dortmund who among other things shared an insight into his project in Cameroon sponsored through the DAAD Welcome to Africa pro-



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Make use of the PhD database:

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gramme. Other speakers included the deputy scientific ambassador of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, fellows from the Volkswagen Foundation and a DAAD alumna.

We are very grateful to all the speakers and are also thankful to all participants for their very positive feedback after the event. We wish you all a very fruitful search for research partners and supervisors and an eventual success in your application for research grants.

Freshmen Event Winter Semester, 2015

Students who have gained admission to the various study programmes in Germany starting in Winter 2015 (i.e. entry in September / October 2015) are invited to attend this useful networking session for freshmen.

This will afford you the opportunity to meet with other students who might be going to your same town or region or perhaps meet with students in the same subject area.

The session will involve a 45 minutes interactive presentation by the Director of the DAAD Information Center Accra and a 30 minutes of knowledge sharing and experience sharing with invited DAAD alumni as well as other Germany alumni.

Do not miss this session even if you have not completed your visa formalities.

Date: 30th July, 2015

Time: 4pm

Venue: Goethe Institut, East Cantonments (located next to NAFTI), Accra

Proposal Writing Workshop

The Proposal Writing Workshop is an opportunity especially for prospective PhD candidates to fine-tune their research proposals for their research stays in Germany.

You will be coached by seasoned researchers and other DAAD and Germany alumni who have successfully completed their research stays in Germany.

Proposed Date: 8th September, 2015

To register: Send a half paged concept note of your research ideas and a motivation letter to:

intern@daad-ghana.org until 20th August, 2015.

This will be a one-day workshop. Attendance is free of charge. Participants coming from outside Accra will bear their own travel costs as well as accommodation costs if the need arises.

DAAD Alumni Event - 23rd Sept. 2015

The DAAD information Center Accra will be organizing a DAAD alumni seminar with the theme 'A world without Hunger'.

This event is open to DAAD alumni in the Sub-Saharan Africa who are working in fields especially related to development and social sciences, agriculture, genetics, public health and related fields.

An official call for participation and presentation of papers will be made early July.

Proposed date: 23rd September, 2015.

DAAD Summer School Scholarship programme-HSK Stipendium

The DAAD summer school scholarship programme aims to help students and graduates improve their knowledge of German and their cultural knowledge of the country Germany.

Applications are open to students in Bachelor's and Master's degree programme in any subject area; Bachelor students must have completed at least two academic years at the start of the scholarship period.

The courses run for at least 18 teaching days with a minimum of 25 hours of teaching a week.

This year, 3 Ghanaians (two from the University of Education Winneba and one from the Ghana Institute of Languages) received this scholarship.

We wish them all a pleasant stay in their respective summer schools.



Ghanaian summer school scholarship holders, 2015

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Public Policy / Good Governance (PPGG) 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 and leadership experiences.

Very well qualified graduates (with at least a Bachelors degree) who in future want to actively contribute to the social and economic development of their home countries are welcome to apply. The scholarships are for both young graduates without professional experience and mid-career professionals.

Please visit www.daad.de/ppgg for more information about the programme.

The earliest deadline is **in July, 2015**. Please contact the DAAD Information Center Accra for further enquiries: info@daad-ghana.org

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.

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 2016/17 academic year, visit: www.daad.de/pgc

or Email: info@daad-ghana.org

Application for this programme will open from April, 2015. Earliest deadline is 31st July, 2015.'

DAAD research grants

- **Bi-nationally supervised doctoral degree programmes**

This grant is for PhD candidates pursuing their doctoral programmes in their home country to undertake a research phase at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany as part of a doctoral programme. Their research proposal must be coordinated with the academic advisers at the home university and in Germany.

- **Doctoral training programme in Germany**

This grant is for PhD candidates pursuing their entire doctoral programmes at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany. This grant can be for individual projects under the supervision of a university teacher or academic adviser or for participation in a structured doctoral study programme in Germany.

- **One-year grants**

This grant is purposely for a research project or course of continuing education at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education in Germany or a non-university research institute, which is being carried out in coordination with an academic adviser in Germany for a period of 7 months to usually 10 months; the length of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule.

- **Short-term grants**

This grant is purposely for a research project or course of continuing education at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany, which is being carried out in coordination with an academic adviser in Germany for a period of one month to a maximum of six months; the length of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule

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- **Grants for research stays for university academics and scientists**

University teachers and established academics and scientists who have usually completed a doctoral degree and work at a university or research institute in their home country can apply for research stays at state or state-recognised institutions of higher education or non-university research institutes in Germany. A research stay can be for a period of one to three months.

For more information on DAAD research grants, visit www.funding-guide.de

Ghanaian-German doctoral training programme

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Scholarship Secretariat invite applications from Ghanaians especially from science and engineering background to apply for the above mentioned scholarship programme tenable in Germany.

Eligibility

- Must be a Ghanaian citizen resident in Ghana
- Must be a teaching staff of public tertiary institution
- Must hold a master's degree equivalent to B+ grade or above
- Be a first degree holder with 2nd class upper or above
- Should have a national service certificate
- At the time of application, generally not more than six (6) years should have passed since graduation from last degree
- Should not be more than 45 years
- Should be willing to learn German

Interested applicants should submit a CV, a research proposal and a confirmation of supervision by a German supervisor (if available) to:

The Registrar of Scholarships, P. O. Box M75, Accra by 31st August, 2015.

To search for a German supervisor, make use of the following links:

www.phdgermany.de

www.research-explorer.de

You may also contact the DAAD Information Center Accra for support. Email: info@daad-ghana.org

Welcome to our new IC Assistant

Mr. Christian Lasmothey joined the DAAD Information Center Accra since mid-May, 2015. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Translation Studies (English, French, German) from the Ghana Institute of Languages. He is also an alumnus of the DAAD Summer School Scholarship programme.

Having spent a summer at the University of Jena, he is privileged to have first-hand information about higher education and student life in Germany. He is happy to assist you make your dreams and hopes of higher education in Germany a reality.

Welcome to the team Mr. Lasmothey!



Consultation Hours for individual consultation for applicants who already have admission to a German university or have the participatory Note from the Introductory Session. Our next Introductory session is on Thursday, 2nd July, 2015 at 4pm at the Goethe Institut.

Opening hours:

Mondays 15:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut) Thursdays 09.00–11.00h (German Embassy, Main Building)
Fridays 14:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut)

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