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## Dear Reader,

welcome to the last edition of the DAAD Ghana Newsletter for the year 2016. We are happy to announce the new developments at the German Unit of the University of Education Winneba. Two full time lecturers have been appointed by the University to teach in the German Unit. This is a great step forward in the process of supporting the German Language in the Higher Education System in Ghana and a nice way of ending this calendar year.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year. We hope to keep our contact and continuous collaboration with you as partner institutions, researchers, students or parents.

Do not hesitate to contact us in any related matter of higher education, study or research in Germany. Keep in touch with our center via email through [info@daad-ghana.org](mailto:info@daad-ghana.org).

Know about DAAD and other funding programmes through [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de).

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

Please note that our office will remain closed from Thursday 22nd December, 2016 till Friday 6th January, 2017. Our regular office hours will commence on 9th January, 2017.

Once again, have a wonderful holiday season. Best regards,

Berit Stoppa  
Director, DAAD Information Center Accra

Welcome to Germany



Land of Ideas



DAAD Lecturer's Regional Meeting in Accra with H.E. Mr. Christoph Retzlaff, Ambassador of the German Federal Republic to Ghana (3rd from the left)

## Regional Meeting of DAAD Lecturers of Sub-Sahara Africa in Accra

From 20th to 24th October 2016 the German Academic Exchange Service organized a regional meeting of all DAAD lecturers of Higher Education Institutions in Sub Sahara Africa. The meeting took place in Accra. Seminars were held on topics as the German Language and German Studies in Africa, networking possibilities between the various countries, DAAD programmes in Africa, Alumni work, amongst others.

His Excellency Mr. Christoph Retzlaff, Ambassador of the German Federal Republic to Ghana, welcomed the 26 Lecturers and Representatives of the DAAD Head Office at the Welcome Dinner. Dr. Simone Burkhart, Head of Division Strategic Planning, Mr. Cay Etzold, Head of Section Scholarship Programmes Sub-Sahara Africa, and Mrs. Friederike Schomaker, Coordination Lecturers-Programme, from the DAAD Head Office in Bonn led the delegation.

The group visited Elmina Castle and Kakuum National Park as part of the cultural programme. Furthermore the delegation paid a

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

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](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.

visit to the University of Education Winneba and met the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mawutor Avoke, and the Management as well as students of the German Unit.

**Webinars organized by the DAAD Information Center Accra in 2016**



German Students and DAAD Lecturers at the UEW

Within the last months, the DAAD Information Center Accra has organized various Webinars around the topics of studying in Germany. These online seminars are a useful tool to reach a wide range of people who are interested in learning more about the study opportunities in Germany. This year webinars on the topics of "Studienkolleg", "How to write a letter of motivation", "Studying Film/Arts in Germany" were held. In addition to this, the DAAD is also engaged in expanding and enhancing the DAAD Alumni Network, which is why two webinars were particularly targeting DAAD Alumni in December 2016; these were "The Ghanaian Perspective on Climate Change" and "Critical Look at Alternative Sources of Income and Personal Finance: An Exposition to the Cashflow Quadrant". We are delighted that our webinars have aroused great interest among all participants and we look forward to holding more informative and exciting online seminars next year. For all those, who have missed our webinars, they can be found on our DAAD YouTube Channel under the following link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZz6vflgLtDDKx4rkrDylQ>

**Annual Symposium on Study and Research in Germany: 14th January, 2017**

The 2017 edition of the annual symposium on Study and Research opportunities in Germany is organized by the DAAD Information

Center Accra in collaboration with the Visa Section of the German Embassy and the Goethe Institut Ghana. This is a special session where representatives of the three institutions present on study and research opportunities in Germany, scholarship opportunities, student visa requirements, German language courses and cultural events.

All prospective students, SSSCE and WASSCE holders, graduates, parents and professionals seeking study, research or career opportunities in Germany or Language Course offers are welcome. Attendance is free of charge.

**Date:** Saturday, 14th January, 2017

**Time:** 10am to 12 noon

**Venue:** Goethe Institut, located next to NAFTI, East Cantonments.

**DAAD at the Ghana Higher Education Fairs in 2017**

The Ghana Higher Education Fair is organized by I-Texon Ghana in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. The exhibition provides the opportunity to interact with representatives of various international and Ghanaian higher education institutions. This gives prospective students insight into programmes, application procedures, qualifications, career paths etc. The DAAD Information Center Accra will be present at four of the five regional fairs to inform students on:

- Study programmes in Germany
- English taught courses in Germany
- Language proficiency requirements
- DAAD scholarship programmes

**Tamale:**

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2017

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

Venue: Tamale SHS

**Sunyani:**

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

Venue: Sunyani SHS

**Takoradi:**

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. – 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 2017

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

Venue: Takoradi Arch Bishop Porter Girls SHS

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**Freshmen session; Entry in summer semester, 2017**

Students who have gained admission to the various study programmes in Germany starting in summer 2017 (i.e. entry in March or April, 2017) 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 the same town or region as you will or perhaps meet with students in the same subject area. The session will involve a 45 minutes interactive presentation by the DAAD Information Center Accra and a 20 minutes knowledge 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:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017

**Time:** 4pm

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

**Monthly Introductory Session at the DAAD Information Center (Dates in 2017)**

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 dates in 2017 are as follows:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February / 2<sup>nd</sup> March / 6<sup>th</sup> April / 4<sup>th</sup> May / 1<sup>st</sup> June / 6<sup>th</sup> July / 3<sup>rd</sup> August / 7<sup>th</sup> September / 5<sup>th</sup> October / 2<sup>nd</sup> November / 7<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone interested in studying or doing research in Germany is welcome to attend. It always starts at 4pm prompt. For updates, email us through [info@daad-ghana.org](mailto:info@daad-ghana.org) All scheduled dates are on the first Thursday of each month.

**Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowships**

The Leibniz Association (WGL) and the DAAD offer recent international postdocs the opportunity to conduct research at a Leibniz Institute in Germany of their choice.

PhD students, who will finish their PhD degree by mid-March, 2017 as well as postdocs, who completed their

doctoral studies no more than two years ago may apply.

A Call for application will be launched by mid January, 2017. Visit: [www.daad.de/leibniz](http://www.daad.de/leibniz)

**Staff Exchange in Sub-Sahara Africa**

The purpose of the programme is to promote inter-university co-operation through academic mobility and to enhance the quality of teaching and research at Sub-Saharan African universities.

**Application deadline:** Applications can be handed in at any time, but at least two months before the intended visit at the host institution.

For more information, visit: [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)

**Study Visits by Groups of Foreign Students**

DAAD funding is available for study visits and trips for student groups of a maximum of 15 students accompanied by one university lecturer at a German Institution.

The groups can visit at least two German universities where they participate in the academic programme. A cultural or sight-seeing programme is organized in the evenings and at weekends.

A flat rate allowance of 50 euros per person per day is paid as a contribution towards travel and accommodation expenses. In addition a mobility lump sum per person is paid to students from certain countries including Ghana. Students or groups of students cannot directly apply for this funding programme. The university lecturer can do so on behalf of the university for the group of students. The university submitting the application is responsible for selecting participants.

**Application deadlines:** 1st February, 1st May, 1st November each year.

For more information, visit: [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)

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## M.A. Tax Policy and Tax Administration — Call for Applicants



Hochschule für  
Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin  
Berlin School of Economics and Law

The Master's programme in Tax Policy and Tax Administration of the Berlin School of Economics and Law is a 15-month executive MA programme with a focus on the Global South. It is designed for experienced tax officials, policy-makers and tax practitioners, who wish to acquire expertise in taxation and obtain an internationally recognised graduate degree in the field.

<http://www.mba-berlin.de/en/master-programmes/ma-tax-policy-and-tax-administration/>

## Verein der Deutschen Sprache — New Exchange Programme of the Association of the German Language: Visit of Lea Jockisch

Lea Jockisch undertook a scholarship on behalf of the Association of the German Language (Verein der Deutschen Sprache e.V.) at the University of Education in Winneba from 14th November to 16th December to support the German lecturers at the German Unit. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literary Studies and Art History from the



Ruhr-Universität Bochum. The Association of the German Language in Dortmund has started a short-term scholarship programme for exchange between German and Ghanaian students. The Association holds 36,000 members worldwide, also including Ghanaians. Working for the Association of the German Language as well, Lea will be able to assist future scholarship holders in Dortmund. For more information about the Association of the German Language please visit the website: <http://vds-ev.de/>.

**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)  
Thursdays 09.00–11.00h (Goethe Institut)  
Fridays 14:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut)

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