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## Dear Reader,



Just in time for the coolest days of the year, I arrived in Accra to take over the director's position at the DAAD Information Center. For the last 6 years, I was employed at the DAAD headquarters in Bonn, working with DAAD's Africa Section and the Strategy Section for Development Cooperation. I therefore know DAAD's funding opportunities inside out. If you want to find out more about them, check the current calls for our research grants, the co-founded scholarship programme for PhDs in Germany and for the DAAD's University Summer Course Scholarships (pages 2-3). You can also meet my colleagues and me and get answers to all your questions at the WACEE fair (page 2), and during our monthly introductory sessions, or consultation hours.

Having travelled to and lived in different countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, I am not a stranger to the region. I am nevertheless thrilled to have the opportunity to stay in beautiful Ghana for the next years and witness the development of this country and its cooperation with Germany from up close. Luckily, my arrival also coincides with the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Germany and Ghana – thus on 30<sup>th</sup> September the embassy and German partner institutions are having an event (find out more on page 2). A great reason to celebrate – so you will surely meet me there!

The Information Center in Accra has become an important hub for exchange between Ghanaian and International students, alumni and

researchers since its founding in 2000. In 2016 alone, 460 Ghanaian students and researchers have received scholarships through different DAAD-funded programmes.

The influence of previous directors is not to be understated, but this success was also made possible by the impressive continuous efforts of the local staff at the Information Center. I am really looking forward to join forces with this exceptional team to keep up the good work of the DAAD in Ghana.

And watch out: new projects and little tweaks can also be expected. Some might already be in the making, so keep a close eye on our information channels. Like us on Facebook under [www.facebook.com/daad.GHANA/](http://www.facebook.com/daad.GHANA/) or follow us on Twitter under [@DAAD\\_GHANA](https://twitter.com/DAAD_GHANA) in order not to miss any news. Stay updated with our SMS alert by texting '#DAADGHANA' to short code 1942. To get information about upcoming events that will be held in Ghana you also check our website. But first things first: For now, please enjoy the September issue of our newsletter!

Lena Leumer  
Director, DAAD Information Center Accra

Welcome to Germany



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### DAAD Ghana Webinars

The DAAD Information Center Accra offers Web Seminars (webinars) on various subject specific and/general information on Studying or doing research in Germany. Visit:

[www.daad-ghana.org/webinar](http://www.daad-ghana.org/webinar)

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

To get an overview of the scholarship programmes available, kindly visit [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de) and type in the keyword 'EPOS'.

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

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

## Open doors, open minds; German Embassy celebrating 60 years of German-Ghana partnership

As part of the series of events being organized to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Germany and Ghana, the German embassy together with its partner institutions in Ghana is organizing an Open Day dubbed "Germany goes Ghana – Open doors. Open minds." to inform the interested public, especially students, graduates and young professionals, about the work of the German Embassy and its partner institutions in Ghana. The entrance is free!

Programme Highlights:

- Symposium on studying in Germany
- Workshops on Mobile Media reporting
- Panel discussion: 'Youth Perspective in Ghana'
- Cultural highlights
- Snap course in German language
- Q & A with H.E. Mr. C. Retzlaff (German Ambassador to Ghana)
- Falling Walls Lab Ghana highlights

**Date: 30th September, 2017**

**Time: 2.00pm - 8pm**

**Venue: Goethe Institut**

## Symposium at the University of Cape Coast

The DAAD Information Center Accra and the Language Department of the Goethe Institut Ghana in collaboration with the German Club at the University of Cape Coast is organizing the 'German Information Day' at the University of Cape Coast. As part of this event, there will be a 1 hour symposium with focus on 'Study and Research Opportunities in Germany'.

Join us at University of Cape Coast Campus and have all your questions answered.

**Date: 14th October, 2017**

**Time: 10.30am till 12.30pm**

**Venue: To be confirmed**

RSVP: Louis on 0271327704 (Call or Whatsapp)

## West African Clean Energy and Environment Exhibition and Conference

The 6th edition of the West African Clean Energy and Environment Exhibition and Conference (WACEE) will take place from 7th to 9th November 2017 in Accra. The DAAD Information Center Accra will participate in this event as an exhibitor alongside with a number of German exhibitors in the clean energy and environment industry.

The exhibition and conference will feature stakeholders and professionals from fields of energy generation, transmission and distribution, energy efficiency and electrical engineering, environmental technology, waste recycling as well as waste and sewage treatment. You are all invited to take part in this year's edition and visit our stand to make inquiries with regards to study and research opportunities in Germany.

**Date: 7th - 9th November, 2017**

**Time: 09:00am - 05:00pm each day**

**Venue: Accra International Conference Center**

## Current Scholarship Calls

To find out more about all our programs, visit [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)

## DAAD Research Grants (short term / long term)

- **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 supervisors at the home university and in Germany.

- **Doctoral training programme in Germany**

This grant is for PhD candidates pursuing their entire doctoral programme at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a

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non-university research institute in Germany. This grant is offered 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 grant

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 grant

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.

Application opened in July, 2017 Deadline: by 31st October, 2017 Please check [www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de) and search for „research grants“ for specific information and application instructions.

## Research stays for academics and scientists

The aim of this particular programme is to support short-term research stays and thus promote the exchange of experience and networking among colleagues. 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. One applies for research stays at state or state-recognised institutions of higher education or non-university research institutes in Germany. A research stay can also take place at several host institutions. The stay is usually for a period of one to three months. Visits

to conferences and congresses are not funded. The application will open from July, 2017.

### Deadlines:

October 31, 2017 for stays starting April 2018

April 1, 2018 for stays starting August 2018

For details, visit: [daad.de/go/en/stipa50015456](http://daad.de/go/en/stipa50015456)

## Ghanaian-German Doctoral Training Programme

The German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) in collaboration with the Ghana Scholarships Secretariat invite applications from Ghanaians with Science background for the above mentioned scholarship tenable in Germany. The programme shall be taught in the English Language over three year duration.

### Eligibility

- Must be a Ghanaian citizen resident in Ghana.
- Must be a teaching staff of a Public or accredited private Tertiary University or Polytechnic.
- Be a first Degree holder with 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Upper division or First Class
- Must hold Masters degree equivalent to B+ grade or above
- Should have a National Service certificate
- The Masters degree generally should not be more than six (6) years at the last time of graduation.
- Should not be more than 45 years
- Should be willing to learn the German Language

### Requirements

The candidates shall submit a complete application consisting of:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Research proposal (not more than 10 pages) including a detailed time table.
- Should have secured admission with a recognized German University and/or develop research proposal with a would-be German Supervisor.
- two reference letters of university professors: DAAD form together with the letter itself, bearing a letter-head and a signature
- Certificates of academic degrees, including transcripts

Interested applicants should submit their applications and the above mentioned requirements to the address indicated below not later than **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017**.

**THE REGISTRAR  
SCHOLARSHIPS SECRETARIAT  
P. O. BOX M. 75  
ACCRA**

For more details, visit: [daad.de/go/en/stipa57344815](http://daad.de/go/en/stipa57344815)

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## University Summer Course Scholarships

This scholarship programme aims to help students and graduates improve their knowledge of German (general language, special language) and their cultural knowledge of the country.

List of courses offered:

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/sommerkurse/en>

- Applications are open to students in Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in any subject area.
- Bachelor students must have completed at least two academic years at the start of the scholarship.
- Neither graduates holding a Master's degree nor PhD students are eligible for this programme.
- Applicants need to have at least level A2 of proficiency in German language .

Information on further application requirements:

[daad.de/go/en/stipa50035295](http://daad.de/go/en/stipa50035295)

To apply for this scholarship, you are first invited to participate in an **Essay Competition**. Only candidates who register for this competition beforehand will be allowed to take part in the competition.

To register, send an email with your name and telephone number to [intern@daad-ghana.org](mailto:intern@daad-ghana.org). You will receive a confirmation with details of venue in a reply by 6th October, 2017.

The following are dates for the essay competition:

7th October, 2017 - University of Education Winneba

9th October, 2017 - Goethe Institut, Accra

14th October, 2017 - University of Cape Coast

## Study at the University of Applied Sciences Magdeburg



Interested students can choose from around 50 study programs in Magdeburg and Stendal. Around 130 professors guarantee a very good staff-to-student contact ratio.

Interdisciplinarity and practical relevance (e.g. internships) are an integral part of all courses and linked to our focus of applied sciences and Employability.

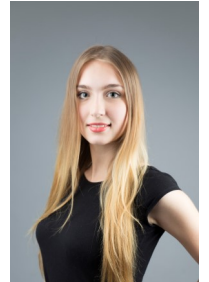
The range of courses includes campus-based as well as distance learning and continuing education programs.

Start your career at [http://bit.ly/h2\\_17](http://bit.ly/h2_17)

If you have any kind of questions about studying in Germany, she will be happy to inform you about it.

## New kulturweit intern joins DAAD Ghana Team

Candy just joined our DAAD-Team in Accra as an intern from the volunteer program "kulturweit", which promotes international exchange and dialogue.



Currently, Candy studies Musicology and Culture Studies at Humboldt-University zu Berlin in Germany.

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### Introductory Sessions on Study & Research in Germany:

**1st Thursday of every month\*  
from 4pm-5.30pm at the Goethe Institut.**

Participation in this session is mandatory prior to individual consultation unless you already have admission to a German University.

### Office hours for individual consultation at the DAAD Information Center Accra (located at Goethe Institut):

Mondays 03:30pm–06:30pm  
Thursdays 09.00am–11.00am  
Fridays 02:30pm–06:30pm

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