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FAQs: How much money do I need if I want to study in Germany?

Compared to the US, the UK and many other European destinations it is relatively inexpensive to study in Germany, as there are no or only very moderate tuition fees. Keep in mind, however, that the standard of living and therefore the cost of living is considerably higher in Europe and can easily amount to 600 Euro (6.5 Mio Cedis) per month. Visa regulations require applicants for a student visa to provide proof that they have sufficient financial means for living in Germany for one year (i.e. 12 times 600 Euro irrespective of the duration of their course). You will need substantially more funds, if your course is longer than a year (e.g. roughly 36 times 600 Euro for a three-year Bachelor's degree). According to German law you will be permitted to work for up to 90 days (or 180 half days) per year, but please take into consideration that finding suitable employment can be difficult and may be in conflict with your studies.

Invitation to Attend the Symposium "Study and Research in Germany"

SSS Graduates, students, professionals and academics are cordially invited to attend this year's Symposium "Study and Research in Germany", which will be held in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut Accra and the German Embassy. Find out all you need to know about international degree courses, admission regulations, DAAD scholarships and visa requirements. Participation and information material is free of charge. Do not miss this opportunity to have your questions answered by staff of the German Academic Exchange Service and the German Embassy.

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

Date/Time: Saturday, 28th January, 10.00 am

New Scholarship Database

The DAAD website now features a new searchable scholarship database comprising some 50 organisations sponsoring studies in Germany. Go to the site

<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/stipendiendatenbank/00462.en.html> and run a search to find out whether you are eligible to apply for financial support.

Scholarships for European Masters in Material Science

The Technical University Hamburg Harburg has announced Erasmus-Mundus scholarships for their European Master's Programme in Material Science (EMMS). This Masters, taught entirely in English, aims to specialise students in the science and engineering of ceramics, metals, polymers, and composites, with emphasis on a variety of subjects like materials for electronics, biomaterials, nanotechnologies, etc. The attractive scholarship packages are meant for excellently qualified applicants (first-class holders in a relevant subject, e.g. Physics or Chemistry). The application deadline is 15. February 2006.

For more information please visit the EMMS website:

http://www.tuhh.de/eciu-gs/pro_joint_mat.html

DAAD Figures for 2004

The DAAD has released statistical figures for the year 2004. In 2004 the DAAD had a budget of 237,5 Mio Euro at its disposal with almost half of it being contributed by the foreign office. Other contributors included the federal ministry for education and research and the federal ministry for development cooperation and the European Union. Almost 50.000 students and academics benefited from the programmes, 30.000 of which were foreigners receiving grants to study or do research in Germany. The remaining 20.000 were Germans, who got financial support for their studies abroad. In 2004 1.829 students and scholars from sub-Saharan Africa received DAAD funding, and more than 750 Germans were able to realise their studies in Africa over the same period.

To find out more about the DAAD please visit:

<http://www.daad.de/en/index.html>

Sponsor's Feature: New US entry regulations

As of 4th October 2005, the USA changed its entry regulations. The airlines will then be obliged to already transmit the first U.S. address of passengers to the U.S. authorities at take-off.

As a customer and service-oriented airline, Lufthansa is attempting, as far as possible, to make entry easier for the passengers taking into account the legal obligations imposed by the U.S. authorities. In order to continue to guarantee passengers a simple entry into the USA, Lufthansa will directly gather the required data electronically during the check-in. Electronic registration started as of 22nd November and will make it possible to enter the data of transfer passengers already into the system at the feeder airport

The new elements in the extended data acquisition ("APIS Final Rule") is the first address during the stay in the USA, the country of the place of residence of the passenger, the origin and ultimate destination airport, information as to whether the passenger is in transit, the reservation code as well as the type of document. The only exceptions to the registration of addresses are U.S. citizens, passengers with Green Cards and those who are passing through the USA in transit to a third country; apart from that, passengers on flights from the USA. The data will be treated confidentially and will not be used for commercial purposes.

Lufthansa to create new jobs in Germany: 2,400 new recruits in 2006

Good news for Germany as a business location: Lufthansa will recruit a total of 2,400 new employees next year. Most of the growth will occur in operational areas, with the company requiring 1,420 flight attendants and 220 ground staff to provide passenger handling services at its Frankfurt and Munich hubs. In the new year, 180 pilot students and 330 trainees will begin their professional training at

Lufthansa. In addition, the Lufthansa Group will offer 250 university graduates and experienced academics in the fields of engineering, IT and commerce an opportunity to join the company. Once again, Lufthansa has shown that even in economically difficult times it is a reliable and attractive employer. In fact, graduates rate Lufthansa among the top ten employers in Germany.

The first of the 1,420 future flight attendants will start their nine-week training course in January, after which they will be deployed on European and long-haul routes from Frankfurt and Munich. Lufthansa offers its staff a wide variety of attractive working time arrangements. Applications for the new jobs at Lufthansa can be made online via the Lufthansa career portal at www.Be-Lufthansa.com. Interested candidates can find further information there about necessary qualifications and entry requirements.

Vacancies

For its media centre the Goethe-Institut Accra is looking for a library assistant (50% part-time). Only applicants who are computer-literate (Windows, MS Office) and fluent in German need apply. Please note that a near-native command of German is required. For further information please contact the head of the media centre, Mr. Nii-Addy, via email: information@accra.goethe.org. The application deadline is 30th January 2006.

International Degree Programmes (100% in English)

For more information visit us at the Information Centre and check out the database of International Degree Programmes at <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/studium/idp/04709.en.html>.

Kassel University, MSc (International Ecological Agriculture):
<http://www.wiz.uni-kassel.de/msc>

München University, MA (Psychology of Excellence) (tuition fees)
<http://www.paed.uni-muenchen.de/excellence>

University Harburg, MSc (Mechatronics):
<http://www.tu-harburg.de/education/master/mechatronics/index.html>

Kiel University, MSc (Material Science and Engineering):
http://www.kielmat.com/Master_of_Science_/master_of_science_.html

Karlsruhe University, MSc (Resources Engineering):
<http://www.uni-karlsruhe.de/~ga01>

University of Applied Sciences Aachen, Abteilung Juelich, BEng (International Studies in Technology)
<http://www.juelich.fh-aachen.de/aaa>

University Magdeburg, BSc (Economics and Management)
www.wv.uni-magdeburg.de/isp/bsc.shtml

University Bremen, PhD (Social Sciences)
www.gsss.uni-bremen.de

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Visit us in the DAAD Information Centre for more information and up-to-date information material.

Opening hours

Mon 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut (next to NAFTI)

Tue 9.00 am – 12.00 am at the German Embassy (next to NAFTI; East Cantonments)

Thurs 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut

Fri 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut

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