

## Information Centre Accra

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### **FAQs: Can I organise an information event with the DAAD IC Accra?**

Yes, upon invitation Information Centre staff is available to give presentations about study and research opportunities in Germany within the Greater Accra Region or at one of the universities. We'd be happy to attend your function and deliver a presentation. Presentations take an hour and free information material is provided for all participants. If you think members of your professional or student association or department could benefit from a presentation, please contact the Information Centre via email: [daadghana@web.de](mailto:daadghana@web.de).

### **Research Institutes in Germany: The Helmholtz Association**

In Germany research is conducted not only in universities but also in various research institutes. With its 15 research centres and annual budget of approx 2.2 billion euros the Helmholtz Association is Germany's largest research institution. The 24.000 employees produce top-rate scientific results in six research fields. The Helmholtz Association identifies and takes on the grand challenges of society, science and the economy, in particular through the investigation of highly complex systems. The main research fields are energy, earth and environment, health, key technologies, structure of matter, transport and space. The Helmholtz Association also runs scholarship schemes, one of which is offered in cooperation with the DAAD.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.helmholtz.de/>

For information on scholarship schemes please visit:

[http://www.helmholtz.de/en/News/Helmholtz\\_Calls\\_for\\_Application.html](http://www.helmholtz.de/en/News/Helmholtz_Calls_for_Application.html)

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Deadline Reminder

All potential applicants interested in applying for one of the 38 postgraduate courses with special relevance to developing countries are hereby reminded that applications should be submitted to the German Embassy in Accra by 31<sup>st</sup> August. Interested professionals are strongly advised to discuss their application with staff at the DAAD Information Centre in Accra: [daadghana@web.de](mailto:daadghana@web.de).

### PhD Scholarships

Graduates holding a good Bachelor's degree (second class upper or first class) and a Master's degree are encouraged to contact the DAAD Information Centre Accra to discuss options of applying for DAAD PhD scholarships: [daadghana@web.de](mailto:daadghana@web.de).

## Erasmus Mundus Scholarships

The Erasmus Mundus programme aims at improving the quality of higher education in Europe and at promoting intercultural understanding with third countries. The scheme includes scholarships encouraging third-country students and scholars from all over the world to obtain qualifications and experience in Europe by following Erasmus Mundus Master Courses, teaching or doing research. Erasmus Mundus Master Courses cover virtually any field and take place in at least two European countries. Last year, eleven graduates from Ghana submitted successful applications. Subsequent issues of our email newsletter will present selected courses to you!

More information about the Erasmus Mundus Scheme is available from the following website:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html)

List of Erasmus Mundus Courses available:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/projects/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/projects/index_en.html)

## New Rankings for Science, Maths, Medicine at Universities in German-Speaking Countries

CHE, the Center for Higher Education Development, annually examines and provides ratings for study programs in various disciplines at 280 German universities. They have just published a new ranking of study programs, with this year's focus on medicine, dentistry, mathematics and the natural sciences. This year Austria and Switzerland were included in the assessment for the first time. Universities in Eastern Germany and in Switzerland received a number of top rankings. According to the study, students wishing to study chemistry in Germany have their best bet in Goettingen, and biology students might like to consider universities in Heidelberg and Tuebingen. The University of Karlsruhe, the Technical University of Munich and the ETH in Zurich received high marks for computer science while the University of Bonn showed great strength in its Geology department. The CHE rankings are considered the most comprehensive and detailed comparison of higher-learning institutions in German-speaking countries.

The latest rankings are currently available in German at [www.das-ranking.de/che7/CHE](http://www.das-ranking.de/che7/CHE). DAAD will soon integrate them into the database in English on our international website:  
<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/studium/hochschulranking/04690.en.html>

## Tuition Fees Introduced in Four Federal States

Bavaria's state government has adopted the introduction of tuition fees of up to 500 Euro per semester with a landslide majority. This decision is the fourth in a series: Lower Saxony, Baden-Württemberg and Northrhine Westphalia had already adopted the introduction of tuition fees. In all of those states, the introduction of tuition fees found its support among the Christian Democratic Party while the Social

Democrats and the Greens opposed it. Accordingly, the states governed by the Christian Democrats are the first ones to adopt the new fees.

The state of Hesse poses a special case because although Hesse state law permits the introduction of fees, the fees are to be of a nominal amount. However, Hesse recently announced that its universities would begin charging tuition fees of up to 1,500 Euro per semester for Master's programs starting in fall 2007. In response, thousands of outraged students in the state of Hesse took to the streets this week to protest the decision. While German universities have historically been free of charge, many experts feel that the small contribution of 500 Euros per semester will help universities in staffing and maintaining facilities as more and more German students enter university in the coming years.

### **New ACA Study on Perceptions of European Higher Education**

The Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) has just released an online version of its study "Perceptions of European higher education in third countries". The study, completed in December 2005, investigated how Europe and its higher education are perceived by students and other interested parties in non-European countries. The aim was to establish if and how it would be possible to market European higher education, and to identify the key messages and possible delivery mechanisms for a "European higher education brand".

The study was conducted through large-scale surveys and interviews in six "target countries" (Brazil, Mexico, China, India, Russia and Thailand), as well as, online, world-wide. Additionally, international students in the US were asked why they had chosen to study there, and not in the EU. With about 20,000 respondents, this was one of the largest surveys of its kind ever conducted.

The study can be accessed via the Erasmus Mundus pages on the European Commission's website.

To download the full report, go to <http://ec.europa.eu>

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### **Sponsor's Feature: Internships with Lufthansa**

The Lufthansa Group employs approximately 1,200 interns every year, both domestically within Germany as well as abroad. Lufthansa has always attached great importance to "qualification". Not only those employed by the Group are being continuously encouraged to further advance their qualification, but students are also being offered the opportunity to gather their first practical experience parallel to their studies in an exciting and dynamic field. This of course includes granting the students the greatest possible insight into day-to-day business routine. Therefore, even in difficult economic times, Lufthansa will still continue to support the qualification of up-and-coming young academic professionals.

Those interested in an internship or in completing their diploma thesis with Lufthansa can apply online via [www.Be-Lufthansa.com](http://www.Be-Lufthansa.com). Since opportunities for an internship exist throughout the entire group, the applicant can at the same time enter his or her preferred company or operational area. After a positive pre-selection based on the online documentation, the application is passed on to those departments within the Group who are searching for an intern. In most cases a personal interview with the representative of the relevant department follows. An average time span of 2 to 3 months should be taken into account before selected applicants can begin their internship within the Lufthansa Group.

<http://www.Be-Lufthansa.com>

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### **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>.

University of Kiel, PhD (Coastal Geoscience and Engineering)  
[www.corelab.uni-kiel.de/education/phdtrack.html](http://www.corelab.uni-kiel.de/education/phdtrack.html).

University of Osnabrueck, PhD (Cognitive Science)  
[www.cogsci.uni-osnabrueck.de/](http://www.cogsci.uni-osnabrueck.de/)

University of Freiburg, MSc (Forest, Environment and Management)  
[www.forest-ecology-management.uni-freiburg.de/finanzierung/index\\_en.php#geb](http://www.forest-ecology-management.uni-freiburg.de/finanzierung/index_en.php#geb).

University of Ulm, MSc (Advanced Materials)  
[www.uni-ulm.de/adv-mat](http://www.uni-ulm.de/adv-mat)

University of Cottbus, BSc (Environmental and Resource Management)  
[www.tu-cottbus.de/environment](http://www.tu-cottbus.de/environment)

Technical University Hamburg-Harburg, BSc (General Engineering Science)  
[www.tu-harburg.de/education/master/index.html](http://www.tu-harburg.de/education/master/index.html)

University of Frankfurt (Oder), BSc (International Business Administration)  
[www.iba.euv-frankfurt-o.de/](http://www.iba.euv-frankfurt-o.de/)

University of Kassel, MA (International Master Programme in Higher Education)  
[www.uni-kassel.de/wz1/mahe](http://www.uni-kassel.de/wz1/mahe)

University of Konstanz, MA (International Economic Relations)  
[www.international-economics.uni-konstanz.de](http://www.international-economics.uni-konstanz.de)

University of Frankfurt (Main), PhD (Religion in dialogue)  
[www.religion-in-dialogue.net](http://www.religion-in-dialogue.net)

### **How to get in touch:**

Visit our Website: <http://ic.daad.de/accra>

Send us an email: [daadghana@web.de](mailto:daadghana@web.de).

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

### **Office hours**

Mon 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut (next to NAFTAI, East Cantonments)

Tue 9.00 am – 12.00 am at the German Embassy (Main Building, North Ridge)

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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