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FAQs: How do I apply for admission at a German university?

Once you have decided on the course(s) you are interested in, you will need to get the relevant application forms. These can be downloaded from the website of the universities you have selected. The websites will also provide you with information as to what documents you have to submit with your application (e.g. certified copies of your SSS certificate or transcripts). Also check the application deadline as late applications are generally not considered. Once you have filled in the application form and compiled all the necessary supporting documents, you will need to ascertain whether the university you want to apply at is affiliated with ASSIST. ASSIST is an organisation which screens applications of foreign applicants for eligibility and completeness before forwarding them to the respective university. If the university you want to apply at is affiliated with ASSIST, you will have to send your application to ASSIST and pay a processing fee. If you want to apply at a university, which does not use ASSIST services, your application should be sent directly to the university. In that case there is not normally a processing fee to be paid. In order to meet the deadline keep in mind that regular postal service from Ghana to Europe often takes three weeks.

To find out more about ASSIST go to:

<http://www.uni-assist.de/english/index.html>

Improved Admission Regulations for Ghanaian SSS Graduates

Ghanaian SSS graduates who wish to enter a German university generally have to attend a one-year foundation course in Germany first ("Studienkolleg"). To comply with entrance requirements Ghanaian SS graduates have so far been required to have a minimum of five independent SS subjects graded at least "D" (Credit) and a science/mathematics subject plus two languages among those subjects. However, as the majority of Ghanaian SS students do not take two languages, applicants with only one language are now also considered. Only prospective students seeking admission to a humanities subject will still be asked to have passed two languages at SSS. Please note, however, that the foundation course is held entirely in German and that only applicants with at least an intermediate command of the German language can be admitted. For information on language classes please visit the homepage of the Goethe-Institut Accra:

<http://www.goethe.de/af/acc/enindex.htm>

DAAD Information Events in Accra and Kumasi attract more than 1000

DAAD information seminars in Accra and Kumasi, which were held in January and February, attracted more than 1000 participants in total. More than 300 participants attended the annual seminar "Study and Research in Germany", which was held in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut Accra and the German embassy. This figure was topped by a seminar organised by the College of Art and Design at KNUST, for which some 800 students gathered in the university's splendid Great Hall.

To learn more about the event at KNUST read the following article:

http://www.highana.com/hqsite/others/search_read.php?nid=5447

Scholarship Opportunities

International Max Planck Research School:

"The molecular basis of plant development and environmental interactions"

10 Ph. D. Studentships

The Max-Planck-Institute for Plant Breeding Research together with the University of Cologne, the Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry (Poznan, Poland), the Institute for Plant Sciences (Gif sur Yvette, France) and the Biological Research Centre (Szeged, Hungary) invite applications for Ph.D. fellowships as part of the International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) in Cologne (Germany).

The IMPRS is intended for highly motivated students with a strong training in molecular sciences. The constellation of participating institutions provides excellent conditions and expertise in plant genetics and biochemistry, structural biology/biochemistry, cell biology, and molecular microbiology. The training includes regular seminars, supervision of a thesis committee of the research school, soft skill courses, practical courses on e.g. reverse genetics, non-invasive imaging, 3-D-structural analysis of proteins, bioinformatics, and novel mass spectrometry-based protein biochemistry at the participating institutions. The program is taught in English and open to students from all countries holding a Master's degree.

For detailed information about the application process and the Ph.D. program please visit the IMPRS homepage at www.mpiz-koeln.mpg.de/english/studentInformation/index.html. Deadline for applications is April 23, 2006. The Max Planck Society is an equal opportunity employer. We highly encourage female scientists to apply for the program. The fellowship application should be mailed to:

Max Planck Institut for Plant Breeding Research
IMPRS – Molecular Basis of Plant Development
Scientific Coordinator
Carl-von-Linné-Weg 10
50829 Cologne / Germany

Scholarship Awards

On 21st February the German Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Mr. Peter Linder, handed over scholarship certificates to three Ghanaian students. They were the first students to have successfully passed the rigorous selection process in 2006 and to be awarded DAAD scholarships to pursue various studies in Germany. Every year over 100 Ghanaian students and scientists are sponsored by the DAAD.

A significant number of Ghanaian scholarship holders will be following international postgraduate courses with specific relevance to developing countries. After completion of their programs these scholarship holders are expected to return to Ghana so that they can make the expertise acquired available to their home country. The first scholarships have been granted to University of Ghana graduate Mr. Edward Nketiah-Amponsah for an international doctoral studies program for

development research at Bonn University and to Ms. Adelaide Asantewaa Asante for an International Master program in "Resources Engineering" at the University of Karlsruhe. Ms. Asante was a student of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi. The third scholarship has been received by Mr Kwame Nkrumah Hope to pursue a M.Sc course in Tropical Forestry and Management at the Technical University of Dresden. He is also a graduate of KNUST.

To find out more about the DAAD and development cooperation please visit:
<http://www.daad.de/entwicklung/en/>

Application Deadline for Inter-University Partnerships: 15 April 2006

We would like to remind you that the next deadline for two programmes is 15th April 2006. The deadline applies to the following two programmes:

- (1) Subject-Related Partnerships with Universities in Developing Countries
- (2) DIES Partnerships.

The programme "Subject-Related Partnerships with Universities in Developing Countries" supports measures that give new impulses to academic co-operation between the partner universities on an institutional or departmental level.

DIES (Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies) partnerships aim at internationally exchanging experiences in matters of innovative higher education policy and at increasing co-operation between higher education institutions in industrialized and developing countries. Potential areas of co-operation are, for example, quality management, strategic planning, cross-border education and quality networks.

An existing partnership agreement between at least one German and one South African institution is a pre-condition for funding for both programmes. Applications from partnerships that involve one German partner and two partners in Sub-Sahara or in different countries are particularly encouraged. Funding of about 15,000 EUR/annum is available for a maximum of four years. Please note that applications for subject-related partnerships can only be submitted by the German partner.

For more information about these programmes please consult the DAAD website:
www.daad.de/development.

Sponsor's Feature: Lufthansa – Meet a Global Player!

There are not many employers like Lufthansa: Lufthansa is Europe's most successful airline and one of the largest in the world. Round about 400 subsidiaries and associated companies belong to the Lufthansa aviation Group.

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Would you like to know more? – You will find further information regarding the Lufthansa Group under www.lufthansa.com.

LH2006: Experience with Lufthansa the football event of 2006

Sport sweepstakes, event tips, scores, statistics and plenty of information await you on our specially developed website for the World Cup 2006 which will be held in Germany. We also offer you an overall view of the most important events around the World Cup.
More information at www.lh2006.com

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>.

Bremen University, MSc (Digital Media)

http://en.digitale-medien-bremen.de/index_html-en?set-language=en&cl=er

Stuttgart University, Master (Infrastructure Planning)

www.infrastructure-planning.de

Freiburg University, MSc (Environmental Governance)

www.msc-environmental-governance.uni-freiburg.de

Siegen University, PhD (Multi Sensorics)

www.zess.uni-siegen.de/multisensorics/

University of Applied Sciences Ravensburg, MSc (Mechatronics)

www.fh-weingarten.de

University Niederrhein, BSc (Textile and Clothing Management)

<http://atlas.hs-niederrhein.de/cms/index.php?id=1774&L=6>

Technical University Kaiserslautern, MSc (Mathematics International)

www.mathematik.uni-kl.de/index_e.html

How to get in touch:

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

Send us an email: daadghana@web.de.

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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