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Test for Academic Studies (TestAS): Test your suitability for studies in Germany!

Don't miss your chance to take part in the first run of a newly developed test for foreign applicants for undergraduate studies at German universities! TestAS measures intellectual abilities particularly important for a successful course of studies. It does not require any specialist knowledge. After the test, you will be able to realistically assess how your abilities match relevant intellectual qualifications necessary for the field of studies you are applying for. For German universities, TestAS provides an additional selection criterion. The test can be taken in German or English and consists of three modules: a core test measuring abilities relevant to all courses of study, and subject-specific modules testing abilities relevant to particular courses of study. So far special tests for Economic Science and Engineering Sciences have been developed, but students from other fields are also welcome to sit the test.

The test is designed for SSS students in their final year, students in their first semesters and all applicants for undergraduate studies in Germany such as HND holders. TestAS will take place on Saturday, 12th May 2007 at the Goethe-Institut Accra. If you meet the target profile of applicants and wish to take part in TestAS please register online at www.testas.de between 1st and 31st March 2007. The first run of TestAS is **free of charge!**

How will you benefit from taking part?

- You will become acquainted with typical requirements of the course you are applying for.
- You will receive detailed online feedback about your scores. Your certificate will also contain information about you ranking as compared to other participants.
- After the test you will be able to realistically assess your chances of successfully completing your studies
- You may include your TestAs certificate when applying to a German university. Some universities even require the TestAS certificate!

As there is only a limited number of places available, rush to register at

<http://www.testas.de>

FAQs: I am an HND holder. What opportunities are there for me in Germany?

It is unfortunately generally not possible for HND holders to enrol onto a Master's Programme at a German university. There are also no top-up courses available. However, HND holders are welcome to apply directly for a first degree programme, which should be closely related to their prior qualification. Graduates from a Polytechnic are generally exempt from taking the one-year preparatory course ("Studienkolleg") compulsory for all SSS graduates. In general, applications of HND holders are considered for admission only by German "Universities of Applied Sciences" (Fachhochschulen), which offer practice-oriented Bachelor and Master Courses. For more information please contact: daadghana@web.de.

Higher Ed Update: Germany improves conditions for foreign researchers

The Universities of Bochum, Bonn and Marburg have become "Welcome Centres for internationally mobile researchers and funding." This status was awarded on the basis of the Welcome Centres Competition, organized in spring 2006 by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Deutsche Telekom Foundation and the Donors' Association for the Promotion of Sciences and Humanities in Germany. The aim was to recognize higher education institutions with creative ideas for making international researchers feel welcome in Germany and facilitating their work by providing the best possible conditions.

The competition granted 125,000 Euros to each of the winners to implement their plans for taking care of foreign researchers. Bonn University intends to build a strong network through its Welcome Centre and other research establishments in and around the city. Bochum University plans to involve the whole institution in the welfare of researchers by invoking inter-departmental contracts. Marburg University will create welfare teams composed of professors emeriti.

Due to the demonstrated high level of participation and interest in this program, the organizers are considering launching a new round of competition. For more information on this initiative, please visit the following web-site:

www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/welcomecentres/index.htm

Erasmus Mundus Sample Programme: Masters Degree in International Humanitarian Aid

The ERASMUS Mundus programme is a cooperation and mobility program in the field of higher education which promotes the European Union as a center of educational excellence. The European Commission has selected numerous Master's degree programmes in Europe for which highly qualified international students and faculty can receive generous EU stipends. The programme allows students from non-European countries to complete a Master Course in Europe with a full scholarship. Students are required to study in at least 2 European countries and will receive a double degree on successful completion of the programme.

The Joint European Master's in International Humanitarian Action is an inter-university, multidisciplinary postgraduate programme that provides high quality academic education and professional competencies for personnel working or intending to work in the area of humanitarian action. This European Master's Degree was created in 1993 as result of concerted efforts on the part of the Network on Humanitarian Assistance (NOHA) Universities, working in close collaboration with two Directorates-General of the European Commission: DG for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) and DG for Education and Culture. The initiative was a response to a growing need for higher educational qualifications specifically suited to addressing complex humanitarian emergencies.

Some 1500 NOHA-graduated professionals work in the field of humanitarian relief and international co-operation. They hold various positions of responsibility in all kinds of national and international agencies, institutions, and organisations both in the field and at headquarters all around the world. Such positions include project managers, administrators, researchers, evaluators, consultants, and delegates.

For more information on the Master programme visit: <http://www.nohanet.org/>

For more information about ERASMUS Mundus, go to: <http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus>

More than 300 Visit Annual DAAD Symposium

More than 300 participants attended this year's annual symposium on study and research opportunities in Germany, which was held in January in cooperation with the German Embassy and the Goethe-Institut Accra. For the first time representatives of a German university were also present, advising prospective students about their tuition-free MBA Programme, which is designed for Natural Science and Engineering graduates, who wish to also acquire management know-how. We would like to thank all participants for the very successful event. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case the symposium has raised any further issues you would like to discuss with us.

For more information on the IMRE Programme, please visit:

<http://www.wiwi.tu-freiberg.de/~urm/imre/>

DAAD Alumna appointed Deputy Secretary General of United Nations

On January 5, Tanzanian lawyer and politician Asha-Rose Mtengeti-Migiro was appointed the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations by Ban Ki-moon, the new UN Secretary-General from South Korea. Born in 1966 Sonoga, Tanzania, she obtained her LL.B and LL.M from the University of Dar es Salaam. In 1988 she received a DAAD grant to study at the University of Konstanz in Germany, where she earned her PhD in 1992.

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The most attractive cities in Germany and over 28 destinations in Europe to choose from are waiting for you! With daily flights from from Accra to Frankfurt, you can explore the "Old Continent" together with your family. The head of the family will pay the full fare, accompanying spouse pays 75% of the fare and the children pay 50% of the fare*. One big happy family with great cash savings - which you can spend at your final destination.

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* Terms and conditions apply

International Degree Programmes

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 Applied Sciences, Fulda, MA (Intercultural Communication and European Studies)
www.fh-fulda.de/iceus

Kassel University, MSc (International Ecological Agriculture)
<http://php.uni-kassel.de/fb11cms/?language=en&c=144>

Bremen University, PhD (Social Sciences)
<http://www.gsss.uni-bremen.de>

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

Freiburg University, MSc (Environmental Governance)
<http://www.msc-environmental-governance.uni-freiburg.de>

Hohenheim University, MSc (Agricultural Economics)
<http://www.uni-hohenheim.de/agecon>

Frankfurt (Oder) University, BSc (International Business Administration)
http://www.iba.euv-frankfurt_o.de

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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 NAFTI, 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

Office hours from 10.03.2007 – 25.03.2007

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

Wed 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm at the Goethe-Institut (next to NAFTI, East Cantonments)

Fri 9.00 pm – 12.00 pm at the Goethe-Institut

And by prior appointment! Just send us an email!

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