

## Information Centre Accra

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#### **FAQs: Can the DAAD Information Centre Accra Help Me Obtain a Student Visa?**

Unfortunately, the short answer to this question is no. The DAAD IC Accra is not affiliated with the German Embassy, which will handle your visa application. Please note that your application will have to be processed not only by the German Embassy in Accra, but also by the immigration authorities in Germany. So please allow at least six weeks for your documents to be processed. To make sure you have got up-to-date information on the necessary documents and procedures, please visit the embassy webpage below. Even though the DAAD Information Centre is not in a position to facilitate your visa application, all prospective applicants are urged to talk their intentions through with Information Centre staff so that pertaining issues can be cleared up in preliminary discussions.

Website of the German Embassy Accra:

[http://www.accra.diplo.de/en/04/information\\_on\\_visa\\_requirements.html](http://www.accra.diplo.de/en/04/information_on_visa_requirements.html)

#### **Research Institutes in Germany: The Max-Planck Society**

In Germany research is conducted not only in universities but also in various research institutes. The research institutes of the Max Planck Society perform basic research in the interest of the general public in the natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. In particular, the Max Planck Society takes up new and innovative research areas that German universities are not in a position to accommodate or deal with adequately. These interdisciplinary research areas often do not fit into the university organization, or they require more funds for personnel and equipment than those available at universities. The variety of topics in the natural sciences and the humanities at Max Planck Institutes complement the work done at universities and other research facilities in important research fields. In certain areas, the institutes occupy key positions, while other institutes complement ongoing research. Moreover, some institutes perform service functions for research performed at universities by providing equipment and facilities to a wide range of scientists, such as telescopes, large-scale equipment, specialized libraries, and documentary resources. Max Planck Institutes also offer positions for doctoral and post-doctoral research, which are announced on the website.

For more information please visit:  
<http://www.mpg.de/english/aboutTheSociety/aboutUs/index.html>

### **Scholarship Opportunities: Postgraduate Programmes for Development Professionals**

The DAAD has released a list of 38 postgraduate courses with special relevance to developing countries, which will receive scholarship support in the academic year 2007/8. The list comprises courses in economics, engineering, regional planning, agricultural and environmental sciences as well as in medicine, development studies and sociology and education. Applicants need to hold a good Bachelor's degree (at least second class, upper division) and must not be holder than 36 years of age. In addition, all applicants are required to have at least two years of postgraduate professional experience closely related to the chosen course. For further information on courses, deadlines and application procedures please contact the DAAD Information Centre in Accra: [daadghana@web.de](mailto:daadghana@web.de).

### **Temporary Change of Office Hours**

From Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May until Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June Information Centre staff will be available for free consultation at the following times:

German Embassy Accra  
Tuesday, 9.00 am – 12.00 am

Goethe-Institut Accra  
Wednesday, 9.00 am – 12.00 am  
Thursday, 9.00 am – 12.00 am

Individual appointments outside office hours can be arranged via email: [daadghana@web.de](mailto:daadghana@web.de) or telephone: 021-776764. As of Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June regular office hours will apply. Please see below.

### **Free German Online Programme**

A high-school teacher from the US and his wife have created a new website offering free online German courses. The site, which you can find at the address given below, contains interactive German lessons. Each of these lessons comes with exercises, vocabulary games (crossword-puzzles etc) and German audio-examples. Please be aware that the online materials cannot substitute attending "real" German classes. However, they may be a starting point for those who live outside Accra and cannot attend regular classes.

<http://languages4everyone.com/german>

### **New Website: <http://www.young-germany.de>**

A new website has been launched to provide information for young people who are considering going to Germany. Visit <http://www.young-germany.de> and get information on how to deal with some of the problems you may face as an international student in Germany: how to find accommodation, how best to stay in touch with your family and friends, how to get around etc. There is also an interactive language programme for advanced students of German.

<http://www.young-germany.de>

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**Sponsor's Feature: An initiative application is water under the bridge.  
The Lufthansa Career Assistant is here.**

An initiative application is often like flying blind: applying for a job which may not even exist. With the Lufthansa Career Assistant we have created a service for interested parties that breaks new ground. Based on your personal profile, it searches for suitable job vacancies, durably and Group-wide. It then suggests the right vacancies when they become available and so ensures that you don't miss an opportunity.

Find out more about the Lufthansa Career Assistant or register at [http://www.be-lufthansa.com/jobs\\_and\\_career.html](http://www.be-lufthansa.com/jobs_and_career.html) directly to use it.

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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>.

Bayreuth University, MSc (Global Change Ecology)  
[www.elitenetzwerk-bayern.de/en/esg\\_global\\_change\\_ecology.html](http://www.elitenetzwerk-bayern.de/en/esg_global_change_ecology.html)

Bruchsal University, Bachelor (Business Administration and International Management)  
[www.i-u.de/programs/bba/index.htm](http://www.i-u.de/programs/bba/index.htm)

Magdeburg University, MSc (Management)  
[www.uni-magdeburg.de/isp/index.shtml](http://www.uni-magdeburg.de/isp/index.shtml)

Anhalt University of Applied Science, MLA (Landscape Architecture)  
[www.Materla.de/mla/index.htm](http://www.Materla.de/mla/index.htm).

Bremen University, MSc (Environmental physics)  
[www.pep.uni-bremen.de/admission/tuition\\_and\\_fee.html](http://www.pep.uni-bremen.de/admission/tuition_and_fee.html).

Weimar University, MSc (Advanced Mechanics of Materials and Structures)  
[www.uni-weimar.de/projekte/gsse/amms.html](http://www.uni-weimar.de/projekte/gsse/amms.html)

Kiel University, MSc (Coastal Geosciences and Engineering)  
[www.corelab.uni-kiel.de/education/module.html](http://www.corelab.uni-kiel.de/education/module.html)

Goettingen University, PhD (Wood Biology and Technology)  
[www.wood.uni-goettingen.de/phd](http://www.wood.uni-goettingen.de/phd)

Frankfurt University, MSc (Computational Science)  
[www.physik.uni-frankfurt.de/mpcs/](http://www.physik.uni-frankfurt.de/mpcs/)

**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 [however, please note the temporary change of office hours between 08.05.2006 and 16.06.2006 indicated above]

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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