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Visit Us at the 6th Ghana International Book Fair!

From Tuesday, 7th November to Sunday, 12th November the DAAD Information Centre Accra will be taking part in the 6th Ghana International Book Fair. Visit our stand for detailed and free information on international degree programmes, admission requirements, scholarship schemes and visa requirements. We will be happy to meet you there. No appointment necessary.

Time: 10.00 am – 05.00 pm
Venue: National Theatre

Please note that DAAD staff will not be available at the Goethe-Institut or the German Embassy during the week of the book fair.

FAQs: Which University is the Best One for Me?

Visitors to our office frequently ask which university they should attend or which German university is the best one. However, there is no straight forward answer to this question as your best choice of university will depend primarily on factors determined by you. Would you prefer to study at a large institution offering a great variety of courses and options? Or would you maybe rather take a course at a small university providing a very "homely" environment? Do you have research interests in a particular field? Or are you looking primarily for a taught course involving little research? Is IT Infrastructure or specific lab equipment of particular importance to you? How important is a comparatively low rent to you? The best way of including all these issues and more in your search for an institution is to use the online university ranking available from the DAAD website. There you can customise your search for an institution that will suit your needs and interests best.

<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/studium/hochschulranking/04690.en.html>

DAAD Alumni: Stay in Touch!

The DAAD Information Centre Accra is planning to organise some DAAD Alumni Activities in 2007. Are you a former DAAD or GDR government scholarship holder, who has not been in touch with us for a long time? Do you know any DAAD or GDR Alumni, who may be interested in being added to our database so that they can take part in an event or act as a resource person for seminars, workshops or conferences? Just drop us a line and we will get back to you: daadghana@web.de!

Research Institutes in Germany: The Fraunhofer Association

In Germany research is conducted not only in universities but also in various research institutes. The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft undertakes applied research of direct utility to private and public enterprise and of wide benefit to society. Its services are solicited by customers and contractual partners in industry, the service sector and public administration.

The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft maintains roughly 80 research units, including 58 Fraunhofer Institutes, at over 40 different locations throughout Germany. A staff of some 12,500, predominantly qualified scientists and engineers, works with an annual research budget of over one billion euros. Of this sum, more than € 900 million is generated through contract research. The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is also active on an international level: Affiliated research centers and representative offices in Europe, the USA and Asia provide contact with the regions of greatest importance to present and future scientific progress and economic development.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.fraunhofer.de/fhg/EN/index.jsp>

For information on scholarships and job vacancies please visit:

<http://www.fraunhofer.de/fhg/EN/jobs/index.jsp>

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.

Sample course:

Four universities, i.e. Bielefeld University (Germany), the Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain), The University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France) and Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy) are offering an Erasmus Mundus Master entitled Models and Methods of Quantitative Economics (QEM). The objective is to educate students in advanced methodologies and models in economics, with the goals of both research orientation for further studies and practical applications.

The QEM programme is for the duration of two years. The first year, which focuses on the foundation courses, is almost identically organized in two universities of the consortium (Bielefeld and Paris) where all students will spend a semester. The second year is more devoted to the specialization and is mainly spent in a single one of the four universities. The QEM Masters offers four areas of specialization, i.e. Macroeconomic Models, Microeconomics: Theory and Applications, Finance or Mathematical Economics and Econometrics. The QEM Erasmus Mundus Masters is intended for top level international students. Admission in the QEM Erasmus Mundus Masters is based on academic excellence. Applicants should have a Bachelor Degree or equivalent, strong interest and/or previous studies in Economics, undergraduate training in mathematics (or related backgrounds such as engineering), and a fluent knowledge in spoken and written English.

For more information visit:

http://www.univ-paris1.fr/formation/eco-gestion/ufr27/study-in-english/erasmus_mundus/article4774.html

List of Erasmus Mundus Courses available:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/projects/index_en.html

Deadline reminder: DAAD Leibniz and Helmholtz Scholarships

Please note that applications for DAAD-Leibniz and DAAD-Helmholtz doctoral and postdoctoral scholarships have to be submitted to the German Embassy by 1st December 2006. For detailed information on the two schemes please visit:

DAAD Leibniz Scholarships:

<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/06292.de.html>

DAAD Helmholtz Scholarships:

<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/06301.de.html>

New DAAD Language Assistant has Arrived

A new postgraduate language assistant sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service has arrived in Ghana. Mr. Steinruck, who holds a Master's degree in English and German literature, will be staying in Ghana for a year to teach German at the Ghana Institute of Languages in Accra and the Methodist University College Ghana. MUCG is the first tertiary institution in Ghana to offer regular German classes to their students, who can choose between taking up French or German.

Top Ten International Master's Programs at German Universities

DAAD and Der Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft (Donors' Association of German Science) have singled out the ten best international Master's programs at German universities. Each of the programs will receive an award of 20,000 euros as well as the label "TOP 10 International Master's Degree Courses made in Germany". The award ceremony will take place on December 1 at the Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft in Berlin.

The programs that have been singled out are:

Freie Universität Berlin (with HU Berlin and Universität Potsdam) : Master of Arts "Internationale Beziehungen"

Freie Universität Berlin : East European Studies Online

Universität Bonn : Agricultural Sciences and Resource Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ARTS)

Universität Dortmund : Spatial Planning for Regions in Growing Economies (SPRING)

Universität Freiburg : Master of Arts in Social Sciences

Universität Göttingen : Internationaler Master "Molecular Biology" and "Neurosciences"

Universität Jena : Internationaler Master "Deutsch als Fremdsprache"

Hochschule Mannheim : Master of Science in Informationstechnik

Hochschule Pforzheim : Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Universität Weimar : Public Art and New Artistic Strategies

Visit DAAD's online database of international degree programs at www.daad.de/idp

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www.ghana.lufthansa.com www.milesandmore.com

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

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

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

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

University of Konstanz, MA (International Economic Relations)
www.international-economics.uni-konstanz.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

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

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.

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

The office will be closed during the week of the Ghana International Book Fair. Please come and meet us there!

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