



Bridges to Germany: Matchmaking for PhD and Postdoctoral Candidates from Ghana

Research in Germany - Information Seminar

Date: August 2021

Venue: online

About the Event

This matchmaking event is designed to foster systematic networking for Ghanaian PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers. Pursue a PhD or postdoc in Germany to enhance your career and your international network at one of the world's leading research destinations.

On Day 1, we invite you to get to know the German system and opportunities for your research stays at German universities. Learn about different paths to a PhD, funding opportunities, and hear testimonies from PhD and postdoc alumni that have recently returned from Germany.

Days 2 & 3 offers virtual one-on-one meetings for potential PhD students and postdocs with representatives of German universities and non-university research organisations. Meet your potential future supervisor, find the right structured PhD programme, or find out about specific funding programmes in detail. The video calls will take 20 minutes each.

Prior to the event, all participants will use an online tool to get in touch with each other and explore whether their interests match. When filling out online profiles, participants should answer all questions in as much detail as possible. PhD applicants are required to hand in a first abstract of their PhD proposal. Participation is free for all participants.

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Programme

Day 1

12th August 2021

9:00 Welcoming of participants, opening remarks
Mr. Felix Barnes & Ms. Lena Leumer, DAAD Ghana

STUDY AND RESEARCH IN GERMANY – GENERAL INFORMATION

9:10 Doing your PhD or postdoc in Germany – an Introduction
Dr. Jörn Benzinger & Dr. Christiane Wüllner, Ruhr-University Bochum

9:40 Funding opportunities
Ms. Lena Leumer, DAAD Ghana

10:00 Ghanaian researchers and German supervisors: pitfalls and steppingstones
Dr. Wolfram Laube, ZEF/University Bonn

10:10 Q & A with all presenters above

GERMAN UNIVERSITIES AND GRADUATE SCHOOLS (20 MINUTES EACH)

Ruhr-University Bochum
Dr. Jörn Benzinger & Dr. Christiane Wüllner

RWTH Aachen University
Mr. Thomas Czirnich & Dr. Daniel Holder

Technical University Berlin
Ms. Sandra Hornoff

University of Bonn
Dr. Eva Youkhana

University of Freiburg
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Technical University München
Ms. Zizheng Zhang (tbc)

University of Bayreuth
Dr. Alina Jahn & Ms. Juliane Fender

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GHANAIAN TESTIMONIALS (10 MINUTES EACH)

My pathway to a PhD in Germany

Ms. Christine Bonsu, DLR Institute of Transport Research, Berlin

My pathway to a Postdoc fellowship in Germany

Dr. Kwabena Opuni Frimpong-Manso

Day 2 & 3

19th/20th August 2021

9:15 – 9:30 Welcoming of participants (Lena Leumer, DAAD)

Introduction to Pitchandmatch tool (Robert Bol, Pitchandmatch, tbc)

9:30 – 12:00 **Matchmaking Talks with German Universities**

20 minutes one-on-one videocalls (appointments for registered participants in advance via Pitchandmatch)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 – 15:00 **Matchmaking Talks with German Universities**

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