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## Dear reader,

With our July newsletter, we introduce you to Ghanaians that are exemplary in making changes and pushing for innovations. One of them is the winner of this year's innovator's competition Falling Walls Lab Ghana, and you should click right [here](#) to find out more about the innovation he will present at the conference in Berlin. The other one just completed her PhD in Germany and plans on using the knowledge from her PhD journey to make a change in her home country. You can read about her experience in our [alumni portrait](#). If you are aiming at getting your doctoral degree in Germany yourself, have a look at our upcoming events: Two proposal writing workshops in [Accra](#) and [Kumasi](#) as well as a [matchmaking event](#) for potential PhD candidates with German universities.

There are also some deadlines coming up for interesting programmes for international researchers, so please do scroll down and have a look if any of them match your interests. Maybe you can also become a beneficiary of DAAD's various funding programmes – and thus one of the next innovators and change-makers from Ghana.

Best regards,

Lena Leumer  
Director, DAAD Information Center Accra

Falling Walls Lab Ghana 2021 Winner  
**Bright Tetteh Kwao**



The winner of this year's Falling Walls Lab Ghana designed a device to help scare pest birds off cereal farms without harming the birds and also saving the crop yield simultaneously. A combination of both the traditional and scientific approach was used to obtain the desired results. Pest birds adversely affect cereal farms throughout Africa (Nigeria, Botswana, Tanzania, Kenya etc) and this device could be the solution.

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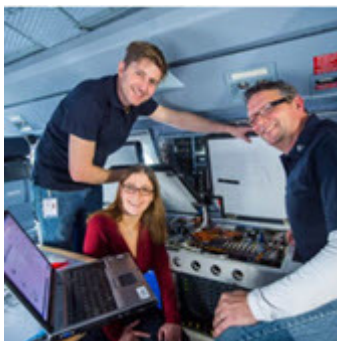


### Alumni Spotlight

#### **Fortune Selorm Agbele**

I am Fortune Selorm Agbele. I am a former beneficiary of the DAAD Helmut-Schmidt scholarship programme, graduating from the Hertie School of Governance. I am also a recent beneficiary of the DAAD research grant for the PhD, completing a PhD in political science. I got the degree from the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies, having been there from 2016 to 2021.

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### Bridges to Germany

#### **Sign-up for German host institutions - PhD/Post-doc Matchmaking conference**

In August, the DAAD Information Centre Accra will host for the first time, a virtual PhD/Post-doc Matchmaking Conference themed 'Bridges to Germany'. This event is planned to host as many as 150 prospective Post-doc and PhD candidates on the virtual platform. Candidates will have chance to connect with host institutions and research supervisors in Germany.

German host institutions and research supervisors can register via this [link](#).

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### International Mobility

#### **Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (PRIME)**

PRIME is an initiative programme sponsored by the BMBF and EU to support the international mobility of postdoctoral researchers by temporary positions at German universities in place of conventional scholarships. Application deadline: 31 August 2021

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### Staff Exchange

#### **Fellowships in Sub-Saharan Africa**



The purpose of the fellowship programme for staff exchange is to promote interuniversity co-operation through academic mobility and to enhance the quality of teaching and research at Sub-Saharan African universities.

Application deadline: July 1, 2021 for fellowships starting November 1, 2021

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### Postdoctoral Fellowships in Germany

#### **DAAD-Alumni of In-Country/In-Region Programme from Sub-Saharan Africa**

This fellowship programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Sub-Saharan Africa with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development by providing opportunities to alumni of the DAAD In-Country/In-Region programme to conduct, under the guidance of their host institutions, co-operative research at a German university or other research institutions.

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### Research Grants

#### **PhD options in Germany**

DAAD research grants is for excellently-qualified young academics and scientists who have completed a Master's degree or equivalent. This grant can be used for doctoral programmes at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany.

Application opens from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2021. Deadline is by 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

[Also check for short-term research grants](#) and [Bi-nationally supervised PhD research grants](#).

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### Call for Application

#### **Helmut-Schmidt Programme**

The DAAD Helmut-Schmidt-Programme (known as Public Policy and Good Governance) supports future leaders from developing countries (see list of countries), who want to promote democracy and social justice in their home countries.

Also find out about the [EPOS programmes](#) (Development-related postgraduate courses).

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### DAAD Ghana Events

#### **Updates**



[PhD Proposal Writing Workshop, Accra](#) - 22nd and 23rd July, 2021

[Freshmen Session \(Pre-departure orientation\)](#) - 27th July, 2021

[PhD Proposal Writing Workshop, Kumasi](#) - 28th and 29th July, 2021

[Proposal Writing Workshop for researchers and university manager](#) - 30th July, 2021

[PhD/Post-doc Matchmaking Conference](#) 11th August (Plenary session), 19th and 20th August, 2021 (Pitch and Matchmaking sessions)

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#### Adverts



#### University of Coburg for Applied Sciences and Arts

The two-year [Coburg](#) MBA program *Financial Management* is a general management program with an emphasis on finance, management accounting, treasury and business strategy. It is the only English-taught international full-time MBA program in Germany with a dedicated focus on finance. **New:** Double Degree from [USC Australia](#). Take a look at our [website](#), [flyer](#), [brochure!](#)

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#### Bremen City University of Applied Sciences

International Graduate Center (IGC) is part of the Hochschule Bremen – University of Applied Sciences, a German state university. For applicants with a first university degree, IGC offers a wide range of full-time MBA and Master programs in the area of international and European business and management. All full-time courses are taught in English and prepare students for their future leadership tasks.

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