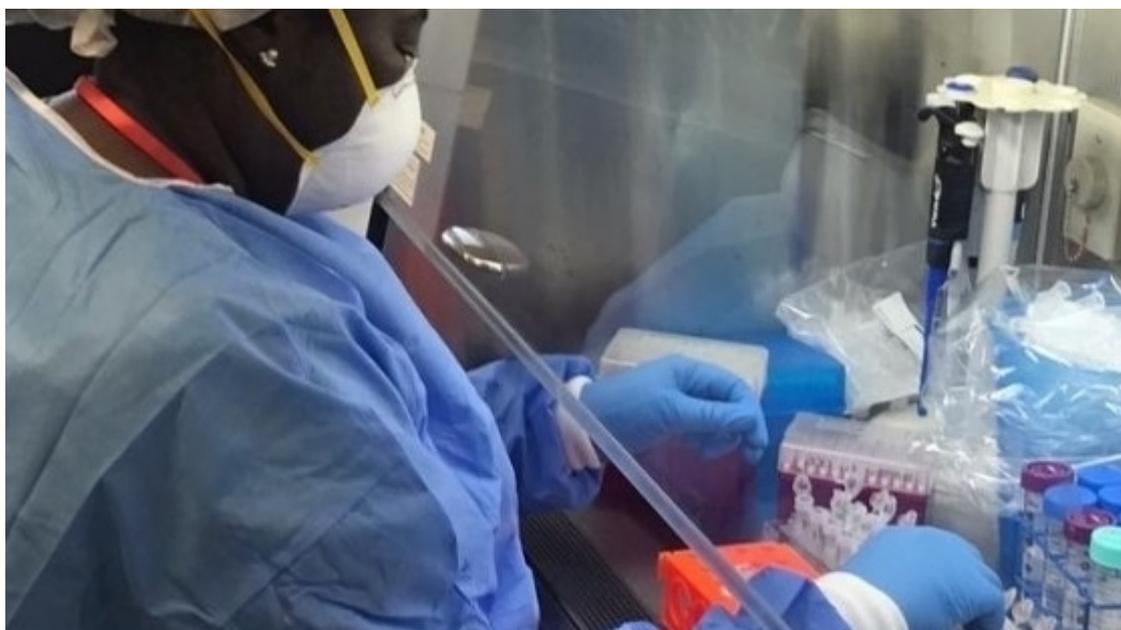




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Editorial - June 2020

## Dear reader,

The last few months have changed the world. What was unimaginable a few months ago has become our reality, our new “normal” – closed borders and airports, face masks and Veronica buckets, video conference meetings with faculty colleagues and family. A virus is dictating the rhythm and we are [trying to dance](#) to it.

In these times of insecurity, some people are tempted to believe seemingly simple explanations and [conspiracy theories](#) have been on the rise. On the other hand many governments and decision-makers worldwide take the recommendations of epidemiologists and virologists very seriously. Guided by the newest findings of science, the measures taken have been able to slow down the spread of the infection in most places. The relevance of scientific research for everyday life is becoming more obvious every day and scientists are improving their communication of crucial research results to a broad audience.

One question that is worrying institutions all over the world is the impact that COVID-19 will have on the future of internationalisation. The DAAD has curated an overview of relevant and up to date [studies on COVID-19's impact on International Higher Education](#). The Higher Education sector had to react quickly to the challenges of online learning as well, often leaving administrative and teaching staff overwhelmed and researchers and students stressed. We therefore enabled DAAD-funded projects to use allocated funds for online events and digitalisation measures instead.

Whilst the whole world is anxiously watching the latest news, infection rates and research results on COVID-19, for international students and researchers their

educational and career plans are on the line as well. For those who are looking to study or do research in Germany, we have compiled the latest [information here](#).

And despite so many changes and challenges, some things remain the same. In this newsletter you will also find [information on calls for long-standing scholarship programmes that are popular in Ghana](#) and upcoming event formats that have been tried and tested. Those [events in Ghana](#) will be conducted in 2020 again, but with a smaller number of participants and/or audience. Consultations in person in the Information Centre's offices will also resume from 1st July, but with limited numbers of staff and visitors in the same office. As we, too, are dancing the dance of a return to normality without taking risks.

Best regards and stay safe,

Lena Leumer  
Director, DAAD Information Centre Accra



### Corona Crisis

#### Effects on HEIs and the DAAD

As an organisation that promotes international exchange; this situation is a challenge. The DAAD will continue to contribute to overcoming the challenges of the Corona pandemic – through intensive support for students and researchers affected by travel restrictions, flexible solutions for selection and funding of scholarship holders, and the use of digital formats.

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### DAAD EPOS and Helmut-Schmidt Scholarships

#### Call for Applications

The DAAD under the EPOS (development-oriented postgraduate courses) funding scheme offers foreign graduates from development-related subjects the chance to take a Master's degree and in exceptional cases a doctorate degree in Germany. Upcoming deadlines for the programmes depend on the chosen study programme.

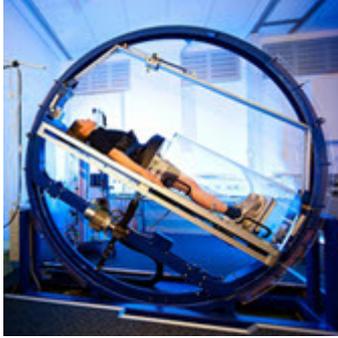
The Helmut-Schmidt scholarship programme on the other hand is designed to further qualify future leaders in politics, law, economics and administration according to the principles of good governance. Applications are currently open. Apply now!

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### Research grants

#### Available DAAD grants for individual researchers

The DAAD offers a variety of research grants for postgraduate students aiming for PhD /doctoral studies. Apart from research grants to complete a PhD, there are also grants for short-term stays in Germany. Applications usually open from 1st July and most



deadlines are by 31st October. This application period is for stays starting the following year, April being the earliest.

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### DAAD Alumni Spotlight

#### Meet Dr. Ivy Asante

I studied at the Heinrich Pette Institute (HPI), Leibniz Institute for Experimental Virology under Prof Dr. Guelsah Gabriel at the Viral Zoonoses-One Health Department. I started my studies in June 2014 and studied German language for 4 months, after which I started my PhD in the winter semester 2014 (October).

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### German-funded cooperations

#### Programmes in Higher Education in Ghana

Academic cooperation and collaboration is one of the ways the DAAD supports international exchanges. These includes supports for graduate schools, graduate training, capacity building in higher education among others. Apart from the DAAD, other German organisations also support academic collaborations and cooperations directly or indirectly. Get an overview of German-funded cooperations.

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### Falling Walls Lab Ghana

#### Call for Participation Extended

Which wall will your research break? Pitch your innovative idea in just 3 minutes, showcasing a breakthrough that creates a positive impact on science and society. The competition has been re-scheduled for the 18th of September, 2020 at the University of Ghana. Thus, the call for application to participate in the event has been extended to 2nd August, 2020. Come and showcase your idea, project or initiative for a place in the Finale. Apply now!

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### DAAD Ghana

#### Event update - July to September 2020



Have you heard of the next [virtual Career Fair](#)? How about the next PhD proposal writing workshops in [Accra](#) and [Kumasi](#)? Bookmark the DAAD event page and always check on upcoming workshops, webinars and informative fairs.

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