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Dear Reader,

Ghana and Germany – they are two different worlds. Anyone who has been to both countries can account for that. So how do we travel between the two with ease? How do we bring both worlds together for successful exchange? The DAAD Information Centre in Ghana swears by one remedy: communication. So we did communicate; with potential students and researchers, fresh scholarship holders about to go to Germany for the first time, seasoned researchers from Ghana and Germany and other potential partners in our quest for exchange between the two countries.

If you want to be included in the conversation in the next few weeks, check out www.funding-guide.de for numerous DAAD scholarship programmes that just opened for the next round of applications for 2019. You can also find different informative webinars lined up on the Information Centre website www.daad-ghana.org. And – of course – go ahead and read this newsletter.

Best regards,

Lena Leumer
Director, DAAD Information Centre Accra



Meet the Winners of Falling Walls 2018, from left to right: Ebenezer Nyame-Esirifi (1st Place), Maame Addo (1st Runner up), and Ayisha Affo Souleymane (2nd Runner up)

Falling Walls Lab 2018

The Falling Walls Lab is an international forum for the next generation of outstanding innovators and creative thinkers. Its aim is to promote exceptional ideas and to connect promising scientists and entrepreneurs from all fields on a global level. The local event 'Falling Walls Lab Accra' seeks to identify the best idea/project/innovation to represent Ghana on the world stage in Berlin. The winner of Falling Walls Lab Ghana 2018, Mr Ebenezer Essilfie-Nyame, receives a travel grant to attend the Finale in Berlin to present his topic; 'Breaking the Wall of Wood Fuel'.

The Falling Walls Lab Ghana 2018 took place on May 18, 2018 at the conference hall of the Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana. It was organised by the DAAD Information Center Accra in cooperation with Impact Hub Accra and Goethe-Institut Ghana, with support from the German Federal Foreign Office.

Welcome to Germany



Land of Ideas



Interested in pursuing a PhD in Germany?

Make use of the PhD database:

www.phdgermany.de

Upcoming Webinars

- **Webinar: Applying for a DAAD Research Grant**
[Register Here...](#)
- **Webinar: Study Opportunities for a Secondary School Leaver in Germany**
[Register here...](#)

DAAD Scholarship

www.funding-guide.de

Search for DAAD funded programmes as well as scholarships from other German scholarship awarding Institutions.

Alumniportal Deutschland

www.alumniportal-deutschland.org

As a Germany trained alumnus/ alumna, you are welcome to join other Germany trained colleagues through this online community. Find jobs, follow-up on Blogs, join subject related groups etc.

DAAD Information Center Accra Consultation Hours:

Mondays 15:30–18:30h

Thursdays 09.00–11.00h

Fridays 14:30–18:30h

Orientation for DAAD University Summer Courses Scholarship Holders

The DAAD scholarship for university summer courses aims to help students and graduates to improve their knowledge of German (general language, special language) and their cultural knowledge of the Germany.

This scholarship programme targets both postgraduate and undergraduate students who are currently at various levels in their studies. Prospective applicants should also have intermediate German proficiencies.

For the 2018 university summer courses, 15 applicants successfully completed all application requirements for the scholarship by the deadline of 1st December, 2017. Out of this number, 7 students were offered the scholarship. There were 4 scholars from University of Education Winneba, 2 from the Ghana Institute of Languages, University of Ghana and 1 from the University of Cape Coast.

The scholarship Holders will be spending a month each at various language centres and university campuses in Germany.

The next application will open from the beginning of September.

We wish our current scholars a wonderful summer time in Germany.



Ms. Lena Leumer (Director, DAAD IC Accra) in an Interaction with the Summer School Scholarship Holders

Proposal Writing Workshop Organised by the University of Education Winneba

“What can we do to encourage our researchers to apply for grants and help them succeed?” This question was raised by the selection of a University of Education (UEW) student from the Ajumako campus for a

DAAD research grant and the visit of his German professor Dr. Frank Kügler to Ghana. As a result, the UEW in Ajumako organized a workshop for all UEW staff. Seasoned researchers who have successfully applied for scholarships and research grants in the past shared their knowledge on the ‘Dos and Don’ts’ of the application procedure. The DAAD Information Centre supported the event with information on scholarship opportunities and selection criteria. The event took place on 10th May and will be repeated next semester.



Participants during a presentation at the Proposal Writing Workshop

WASCAL: Symposium and In-Service Training Programme

The West African Science Service Center (WASCAL) is a research-focused network designed to help tackle the challenges of climate change. With the financial support of the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) it aims to strengthen research infrastructure and capacity in West Africa in this field. It combines the expertise of universities in ten West African countries and German partner universities and brings about synergies for research and teaching in this region. WASCAL held an international science symposium on climate change from 19th to 21st June which showcased WASCAL achievements and launched the new research programme “WASCAL Research Action Plan 2018-2021”. Apart from this, the director of DAAD Ghana shared information on the DAAD’s activities in development co-operation and funding opportunities with the WASCAL network in the framework of their in

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-service training workshop from 4th to 8th June. This programme was directed at scientists and managers working in relevant ministries and government departments and focused on "Climate Change: Impact, Adaptation and Mitigation in West Africa". WASCAL has been operating with great success since 2012; and the DAAD is preparing a concept to become more involved with its Alumni projects in the future.

WASCAL network: <https://www.wascal.org/>



Participants at the WASCAL In-Service Training Workshop

exceed Summer School

German universities and their partners in developing countries are making a considerable effort to achieve the goals of development policy. In order to join their forces and make them more publicly visible, the DAAD launched the "Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation – exceed" programme in 2009. The International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDD) at the University of Kassel is one of five global networks financed through this programme which were initiated by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The centre together with its partner university UCC, organised an International summer school on "Constructing Research Frameworks on the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa's Policy Environment" which took place from 3rd to 14th April in Cape Coast. Students and researchers from partner universities all over the world attended the workshop to present and discuss their research topics. The director of DAAD Ghana joined the event as a resource person to present the DAAD's activities in development cooperation and moderate a group discussion on strategies for the inclusion of marginalised groups in higher education in the context of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 "Quality

education for all".

More information on the "exceed" programme: <https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/entwicklungszusammenarbeit/foerderprogramme/hochschulen/infos/en/43947-higher-education-excellence-in-development-cooperation-exceed/> International Center for Development and Decent Work: <https://www.uni-kassel.de/einrichtungen/international-center-for-development-and-decent-work-icdd/home.html>



Workshop session at the EXCEED summer school

Merian International Center for Advanced Studies (MICAS)

A network of several German and Ghanaian institutions have been selected to cooperatively establish a Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies at the University of Ghana. It will focus on research on sustainable governance and democracy building, conflict management, and the interdependence between environmental factors, natural resources and societal development. The Merian Centre programme aims to promote the internationalization of the humanities, cultural and social sciences and connect German research institutions with research communities in the Global South. It is funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research. MICAS in Ghana will be the fourth institution to open, after centres in India, Mexico and Brazil. The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS) and the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute are the main German partners of the ambitious project. Other members of the consortium are the Goethe University Frankfurt, the German Institute of Global and Area Studies Hamburg (GIGA), the Department of Political Science at the University of Konstanz, and the German Historical Institute Paris. The opening conference is

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planned for end of September, and the DAAD Ghana is looking forward to a fruitful cooperation with this new beacon of German-Ghanaian cooperation in Higher Education.



Representatives of MICAS sitting from right to left (first row):
Prof. Dr. Andreas Mehler, Prof. Dr. Bernd Kortmann, Prof. Dr. Gordon Crawford,

Webinars

- **Webinar: Applying for a DAAD Research Grant**

Friday, 6th July, 2018 11:00 - 12:15 GMT

Agenda for the webinar:

- ⇒ Available Research Grants
- ⇒ General Requirements
- ⇒ Applying for a DAAD Research Grant
- ⇒ FAQ's
- ⇒ DAAD Application Portal

A young Ghanaian researcher currently doing a research in Germany will also join us online to interact with participants. Hope to interact with you online.

[Register Here...](#)

- **Webinar: Study Opportunities for a Secondary School Leaver in Germany**

Monday, 16th July, 2018 11:00 - 12:15 GMT

Agenda for the web seminar are as follows:

- ⇒ Overview of Study Opportunities
- ⇒ General Application Requirements
- ⇒ Language Requirements
- ⇒ General Visa Requirements
- ⇒ FAQs

Also joining our webinar as a resource person will be a young Ghanaian student currently studying in Germany after completing secondary school (WASSCE) in Ghana.

[Register here...](#)

Proposal Writing Workshop organised by the University of Education Winneba

Dates: 23rd and 24th August 2018

Time: 8am to 4pm daily

Venue: Conference Room, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, University of Ghana, Legon

Participation: Free of Charge (Prior registration is however mandatory. Participation is also strictly for graduates with a Masters degree or students currently enrolled in a Master's degree programme).

The PhD proposal writing workshop is a platform especially made for prospective PhD candidates to fine-tune their research proposals for their research stays in Germany. Participants at the workshop will be coached by seasoned researchers and other DAAD and Germany alumni who have successfully completed their research stays in Germany.

To register, please use our registration page: <https://goo.gl/forms/JLDcLre8LINoz3YL2> This page will be available until 23rd July 2018.

Invited participants will be informed by 10th August 2018.

Nano Art and Research in Germany Photo Exhibition

Dates: 3rd to 7th September 2018

Time: 9am to 4pm daily

Venue: Department of Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Ghana

Our upcoming exhibition will be open to the public and attendance is free of charge!

Nano Art is a new discipline where art meets science and technology. This exhibition will showcase such interesting art pieces and offer you an overview into the German research landscape as well.

There will be a lot of informational material available for prospective researchers, young academics and students on research prospects in Germany.

Research – in – Germany, Land of Ideas!

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University Advertisements

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Costs per semester

General Admissions Fee: 200 Euro

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