

# Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst German Academic Exchange Service



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# Dear Reader,

Exchange is what our work at the DAAD Information Centre is all about. And suddenly exchange seems to be impossible. Holding events, travelling to other countries, even getting together to study or do research is putting people at risk in times of the global Corona epidemic.

So how do we keep up our work in this trying situation?

Globally the DAAD is in constant contact with universities, scholarship holders and their relatives to find flexible solutions. Updates and informations on scholarship activities and <u>Corona</u> can be found on the <u>headquarter's website</u>.

In Ghana, the Information Centre continues its work as best as possible by offering one-on-one consultations on the internet, presentations via webinar and online courses.

Looking at the global research community, we are witnessing unprecedented global research efforts and collaborations to <u>study the COVID-19</u> and find a medical cure.

Last but not least, we are looking forward to and planning for the time after the Corona crisis with events such as the 2020 edition of the <u>Falling Walls Lab Ghana</u>. When the time has come to resume our work, we will appreciate it even more, with all the abundant options to meet people and exchange ideas, knowledge and experiences.

Stay safe,

Lena Leumer
Director, DAAD Information Centre Accra
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Call for application

### **Falling Walls Lab Ghana 2020**

The winner from this event is sponsored to represent Ghana at the Falling Walls Lab Finale in Berlin. This is a great platform to connect with scientists and innovators from all over the world. This year, the winner will also have to chance to be part of the 'Innovation Week', a training programme put together by the TU9 universities in Germany. TU9 is an alliance of 9 leading technical universites in Germany. Application for the next call is open till 15th April, 2020. Apply Now!

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**Ghana Higher Education Fair** 

## **DAAD Ghana's participation**

Our year of activities began with the participation in the 2020 Ghana Higher Education Fair (GHEF). Out of 16 locations this year, DAAD Information Centre Accra chose to be part of the fair in Tamale, Ho, Cape Coast and Accra. The fair in Cape Coast has been postponed indefinitely due to the outbreak of the Corona Virus pandemic.

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**CLIMAP Africa** 

#### **Programme Manager at DAAD IC Accra**

We welcome our new colleague, Mr. Yakubu Musah Seidu at our centre. Yakubu is a Programme Manager for the Climate Research for Alumni and Postdocs in Africa (ClimapAfrica) Programme and the main contact person in sub-Saharan Africa. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture and a Master's degree in Development Policy and Planning from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. He also holds a Master's degree in International and Development Economics from HTW in Berlin. For specific questions on the ClimapAfrica programme, please contact Yakubu via <a href="mailto:climapafrica@daad-ghana.org">climapafrica@daad-ghana.org</a>

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Webinar

**Introductory Session in April** 



We offer monthly introductory sessions to help prospective students know all the options available to them as they prepare to study or do research in Germany. With the directives given by the President of Ghana with regards to a halt on all public events, our upcoming introductory session on 2nd April will be fully online. You can participate from wherever you are via your smartphone, PC or Macbook. We will also discuss a few changes to funding programmes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Do join us online!

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#### **Online Courses**

### How to find a PhD in Germany

A new online module has been developed to inform prospective PhD candidates about the basic steps to follow in order to apply for a doctorate in Germany. The online course is free of charge and available to all. It offers basic information as well as research career options und funding opportunities.

The course is online from now until 30 April. It will also be repeated in September/October.

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#### **Online Consultations Hours**

## **Changes due to COVID-19**

Owing to the directive issued by the President of Ghana, the Goethe Institut Ghana, where our office is located is closed. Thus, the DAAD Information Centre Accra is not offering face-to-face consultation at the office location in Accra until further notice. You can however join us live online for a one-on-one interaction with this URL on Adobe Connect:

http://daad.reflact.com/r2jsgfseh3dr/ Time: Mondays and Fridays (9am to 10am). We apologize for any inconveniences caused.

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