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Dear Reader,

has the first three months of 2018 already passed? Even if it does not feel like it at all, we can tell by the amount of successful events and new developments. To name just a few, the team of DAAD Ghana has met countless potential students at numerous events and fairs. I have embarked on a mission to visit as many DAAD-funded projects as possible. New scholarship holders have been selected and are now preparing to leave for new frontiers in Germany. More than ever before, the outcomes of recent selections have shown that hard work and good preparation really pay off – and that Ghanaian-German cooperations are on the rise.

And it so happens that there already are fresh calls for scholarships and competitions out only waiting for your ideas and applications. So get ready and stay in touch with us – after you have thoroughly enjoyed your Easter holidays with family and friends!

Best regards,

Lena Leumer
Director, DAAD Information Centre Accra

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DAAD Ghana Information Stand at the Ghana Higher Education Fair Series 2018

New Intake of University Summer Course Scholarship Holders

Seven young students were recently selected to receive funding for the attendance of a university summer course in Germany. They are currently studying at the University of Education, Winneba, Ghana Institute of Languages in Accra and University of Cape Coast and will travel to Germany during the coming semester break. Effectively, the number of Ghanaians has more than doubled compared to the last years. All new scholarship holders have convinced the DAAD's selection committee with their German language skills and strong determination. We are wishing them all the best on their journey to Germany and hope that they will inspire future generations of Ghanaian students learning German to apply for the scholarship programme. The next call will be in October 2018.

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Launch of German as a Major Sub- ject at the University of Education, Winneba



German Students of the University of Education Winneba (UEW)
celebrating German Cultural Day

Starting in September 2018, the UEW offers the unique opportunity to study German Language as a Bachelor of Arts Major. German as a minor subject in addition to English, French or an African language has been taught there successfully for the past years. Now, the programme will be expanded. The study programme uses innovative teaching methods and is partly taught by long-term guest lecturers from Germany. Studying German opens new doors to scholarships, internships and jobs teaching German or working with German institutions. Find out more about German studies at UEW by mailing to german.winneba@gmail.com or calling the coordinator under 0547243520. Admissions with UEW are open under: <https://goo.gl/hU9oQQ>

SDG Graduate School Cape Coast

In the SDG Graduate School programme, bilateral partnerships between higher education institutions in Germany and developing countries are supported in order to establish bilateral graduate schools aiming to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations. The interdisciplinary Graduate School 'Performing Sustainability - Cultures and Development in West-Africa' is a collaborative training network for graduate students by the University of Hildesheim, the University of Maiduguri in Nigeria and the University of Cape Coast. It focuses

on innovative research that brings together approaches from performance, arts and culture to bear on sustainable development; with a focus on issues of peace and conflict resolution. The 3rd biannual workshop took place in Cape Coast from 24th February to 10th March. It featured hands-on workshops on research techniques and presentations of the scholars' thesis topics. Staff of the DAAD Ghana joined in for a day to witness the ambitious academic projects and the cooperative and efficient atmosphere of the graduate school.

More information on the programme that is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development:

<https://goo.gl/rAU3uf>

Information on the SDG Graduate School 'Performing Sustainability':

<https://goo.gl/pKDJpW>



Participants at 3rd biannual workshop in Cape Coast

NRW Partnership for the Support of Ghanaian Technical Universities

Since 2017 the DAAD and the Ministry of Science and Culture fund a partnership between newly transformed former Ghanaian Polytechnics and German Technical Universities in the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). The project "Partnership for Applied Sciences – PASS" between Cape Coast and Kumasi Technical Universities and the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences aims to improve the quality and practical relevance of higher education to increase employability of students and support their efforts in creating their own employment opportunities. It also intends to enhance inter-sectoral net-

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works and build strong leadership capacities at institutional level.

The official launch event of the project took place on 22nd January at the Cape Coast Technical University. The participation of high-ranking guests from political and academic spheres and the media coverage showed the massive interest in the topic of technical education in Ghana.

You can find a report of the event here: <https://goo.gl/UndYr9>

Ghana Higher Education Fair Series 2018

Between 31st January and 1st March, 2018, the DAAD Information Centre Accra participated as an exhibitor at the Ghana Higher Education Fair organized by I-Texon Ghana in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

We are happy to have inspired and met so many young enthusiastic Ghanaians in various secondary schools across the country.

There are certainly study opportunities for the WASSCE leaver in Germany. We encourage many young Ghanaians to explore these opportunities.

To know more are study options in Germany, visit: www.study-in.de

Summer Semester 2018 Freshmen Session

The DAAD Information Centre Accra organized an orientation forum for new students (freshmen) preparing to start their summer semester at various universities in Germany on 22nd of February, 2018. Participants of the session also included new DAAD scholarship holders

from the Helmut-Schmidt Scholarship Programme, a research grant awardee of the Graduate School Scholarship Programme as well as a number of self-sponsored students.

It was a good pre-departure forum where some former DAAD scholars and a Germany alumnus shared their experiences.

The next forum for winter semester freshmen will take place on 26th of July, 2018. You can always check our Events page on our homepage for more information.

German University Webinar Series

Starting this March, 2018, the DAAD Information Center will be hosting series of webinars with international offices and faculties from German universities. The first webinar was with the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Cologne.

To find out details of upcoming Webinars, visit: www.daad-ghana.org/webinar

New Kulturweit Intern from March, 2018

Kekeli Abbey joined the DAAD Ghana team in March 2018 as a kulturweit volunteer. He is a recent graduate from Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, a uni-



- Summer Semester 2018 Freshmen Session -
Group photo with participants

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versity well-known for its international focus and study courses in English. He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations.

Having studied in Germany himself he can offer first-hand advice to prospective students. Kekeli will support the DAAD Ghana team for the next six months and is eager to share his experiences with the German educational system and student life in Germany.

Start-up Factory Kumasi



Students presenting their project at the Start-up Factory Kumasi

In the framework of the University-Business-Partnerships between Higher Education Institutions and Business Partners in Germany and in Developing Countries the DAAD facilitates the 'Start-up Factory' as a project between the Universities of Kumasi, and Paderborn as well as several Ghanaian and German business partners. In this project, students from Germany and Ghana collaborate with Ghanaian start-ups in the renewable energy sector. During a visit of the director of DAAD Ghana to the Kumasi campus, the Ghanaian students demonstrated the start-up projects they were working on, amongst them a hybrid dryer for agricultural produce. They showed impressive confidence in their innovative ideas and showed how they were putting the small equipment funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development through this programme to good use.

More information on University-Business-Partnerships between Higher Education Institutions and Business Partners in Germany and in Developing Countries: <https://goo.gl/cijkXA>

More information on the Start-up Factory Kumasi from the students' point of view: <https://goo.gl/YbFyhm>

Falling Walls Lab Ghana

Applications for the 2018 round of the Falling Walls Lab Ghana are open. Deadline for entries is until 20th April, 2018.

Once more Ghanaian innovators are invited to present their research projects, social or entrepreneurial initiative in a 3-minute pitch. The best project, chosen by a distinguished Jury, wins a travel grant to Berlin, Germany to take part in the finals. The Ghanaian finalist gets the chance to promote his/her idea in Berlin in front of an illustrious audience from business, politics and sciences and get in touch with other young talents from around the world. The DAAD is very proud to host Falling Walls Labs Ghana in cooperation with Impact Hub, the Goethe-Institute Accra, and with support of the German Foreign Ministry. For further information and requirements, use this link: <https://goo.gl/3ioqVa>

Helmut-Schmidt Scholarship Programme

The Helmut-Schmidt-Programme offers talented holders of a first university degree from many developing countries the possibility to pursue a Master's degree in the fields of politics, law, economics and administration at a German institution. The programme aims to prepare future leaders with the qualifications to efficiently contribute to the development of their home countries. The chosen students are awarded a scholarship. The programme accepts young graduates without work experience as well as mid-career professionals. Applications open in June 2018. If you are interested make sure to stay updated via our social media channels. For further information and requirements, please use this link: <https://goo.gl/5F7tkw>

Development-related Postgraduate Scholarship (EPOS)

The DAAD is dedicated to providing talents from developing nations with the means to make an impact in their home countries. That is why we provide scholarships for study courses with special relevance to nations that are developing or have recently industrialised. The courses offered here are career-based and

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are selected for their relevance and emphasis on practical skills. This offer is tailored for professionals, so applicants are expected to have 2 years of work experience and excellent (at least Second Class Upper) results in their Bachelor's degree. For more information on the programme and the offered courses, please use this link: <https://goo.gl/BqYMa6>

Please note, applications will open from 1st June, 2018.

In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme

The DAAD does not only offer scholarships for people wanting to pursue studies or do research in Germany. Ghanaians or others nationals from Sub-Saharan countries are encouraged to apply for many available in-country/in-region scholarships. For more information and available study options, visit: www.funding-guide.de

Study Visits by Groups of Foreign Students

DAAD funding is available for study visits and trips for student groups of a maximum of 15 students accompanied by one university lecturer at a German Institution. Individual doctoral candidates may also be funded after consultation with the DAAD.

The groups can visit at least two German universities where they participate in the academic programme. A cultural or sight-seeing programme is organised in the evenings and at weekends.

The funding is available for accommodation, transportation and living costs within Germany (flat rate amount applies in most cases).

International travel costs are to be borne by participants of the study visit/trip.

Students or groups of students cannot directly apply for this funding programme. The university lecturer can do so on behalf of the university for the group of students. The university submitting the application is responsible for

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