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## Germany Looking for MINT Specialists



German industry is announcing a shortage of staff in mathematics, informatics, natural sciences and engineering (abbreviated in German as MINT).

Increasing demand for MINT specialists has swept the job market, securing the career prospects of MINT graduates. According to Hans-Peter Klös, Managing Director of the Cologne Institute for Economic Research, the demand for MINT professionals is expected to grow in the coming 2 years, however, "In February alone, the shortage in MINT specialists rose by 21,000 people, which is the highest increase within a single month since 2000,". Even if there will be an increased number of MINT graduates, the industry demand would not be satisfied. The branch of engineering will be seriously hit while losing

growth prospects if the already-existing shortage gets worse.

Thomas Sattelberger, Deutsche Telekom board member for human resources and chairman of 'MINT Zukunft schaffen', an initiative launched to promote MINT subjects in schools, believes that MINT education must be boosted throughout the entire education system. Growth in student numbers is noted to be slower in MINT subjects than it is in many others, "And we can no longer afford to waste what is a valuable talent potential: efforts must be stepped up to encourage girls and young women to study the MINT subjects," he explained.

See whole article at [universityworldnews.com](http://universityworldnews.com)

## Signal of Welcome to Researchers from All Over the World

The Federal Cabinet approved a draft bill to implement an EU Directive on rights of residence and to adapt national legislation to meet the EU Visa Code. Helge Braun, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research (BMBF), welcomed the draft bill approved on March 31.

"In future this law will also allow the spouses of researchers coming to Germany from abroad to engage in gainful employment without any restrictions." Braun explained after the meeting. Germany will discontinue the current practice of checking whether there is a suitable applicant from Germany or another EU country and comparing working conditions before the spouse can take up the job. "This is a signal of welcome to researchers from all over the world," he added, "Germany will become even more attractive as a location for research."

See whole article at [research-in-germany.de](http://research-in-germany.de)



Photos of DAAD Events



Dr. Sylvia Brandt and Dr. Catherine Chan (Deputy Secretary for Education)



Alumni sharing their study experience in Europe



Visitor inquiring studies in Baden-Württemberg, Germany.



[www.research-in-germany.de](http://www.research-in-germany.de)

This internet portal is aimed at international scholars and provides a great deal of useful information about the research landscape in Germany. It also highlights recent developments in German higher education and offers advice and guidance

## German Higher Education Institutions are the Most Internationalized Ones

Germany comes first in the internationalization of higher education, ahead of Australia, the United Kingdom and China, according to a British Council survey. The USA is only in sixth position, behind Malaysia. The ranking compares the higher education systems in twelve countries regarding access, quality and reputation of degrees, support for foreign students and encouraging their own academics to study and do research abroad. The British Council presented the survey at the "Going Global" education conference in Hong Kong in March. Germany scores in particular thanks to its internationalization strategy, which actively promotes mobility in both directions, also through funding.

According to the British Council, **the German higher education institutions have become significantly more attractive for foreign students over the last few years.** One reason for this is that more and more courses and even entire degree programmes are being run in English. Furthermore, the tuition fees are very low and not higher than for the German students themselves. The survey also refers positively to legislation allowing for students to work in Germany. Conversely, the Germans are the most mobile students throughout Europe. The target set by the Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) that half of all German students should spend part of their studies abroad contributes to this.

Read more at [timeshighereducation.co.uk](http://timeshighereducation.co.uk).

## European Higher Education Fair Hong Kong 2011

Now running in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, this steadily expanding annual fair has established itself firmly as a core feature on Hong Kong's international academic event calendar. Inaugurated on the 12<sup>th</sup> March by Dr. Catherine K.K.Chan, Deputy Secretary for Education of Education Bureau and Ms. Maria Castillo Fernandez, Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macao, the EHEF was delighted to welcome again two newcomers: Cyprus and Latvia. All together **49 higher education institutions** from **12 European countries** informed visitors on the most up-to-date study opportunities, research possibilities and life styles in Europe. A total of 4,774 visitors attended the fair.



Representatives of participating countries at Opening Ceremony of EHEF 2011

The interest in **German Higher Education** was strong as ever. **15** German universities and institutions, among them **4 Excellent Universities**, presented their study and degree programmes and provided individual counseling to the visitors. At the **DAAD booth** alone over 800 visitors got first-hand information about study, research and living in Germany.

The After Fair Report with more detailed information will be available for download on the [EHEF 2011 official website](http://EHEF2011officialwebsite) in June.



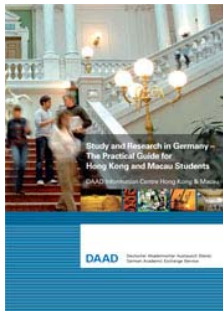
German Consul General Werner-Hans Lauk inaugurating EHEF 2011.

### German Universities at EHEF 2011:

1. Freie Universität Berlin
2. Konstanz University
3. Hochschule für Gestaltung (University of Design), Schwäbisch Gmünd
4. University of Cologne
5. Cologne Business School
6. Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
7. Goethe Business School, Frankfurt
8. Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
9. Hochschule Furtwangen University
10. University of Applied Sciences (FH) Jena
11. Munich Business School
12. German Institute of Science and Technology – TUM Asia
13. Georg-Simon-Ohm-Hochschule-Fachhochschule Nürnberg
14. TU 9 – German Institutes of Technology



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[www.goethe.de/hongkong](http://www.goethe.de/hongkong)

Learn German at Goethe Institut! German courses in different levels are open for application.

## FAQ: How and When do I Apply to a German University?

The academic year in Germany is generally divided into 2 semesters: *winter semester* and *summer semester*. Most of the programmes start in the winter semester but it is also possible to start some programmes in the summer semester.

If you wish to begin your studies in the winter semester (October) the submission period is from the beginning of June to 15th July. If you prefer to start your studies in the Summer semester (April) the submission period is from the beginning of December to 15th January. **Non EU citizens** are advised to hand in their application before the **end of May** for the winter semester. Note: Application deadlines can vary from university to university. Please check the website of the institution of your choice!



There are basically **two ways of applying to a German university**. For the majority of institutions, application forms have to be downloaded from the respective university website. The completed forms are then sent **directly to the institution**, together with the required supporting documents (such as certified copies of certificates, a statement of motivation etc.). Please note that generally only documents, which have been certified by either the issuing organization or the German Consulate General are recognized!

For some 100 German higher education institutions applications are first screened by an agency called **“uni-assist”**. If the institution you want to apply to is a member of “uni-assist”, you will need to send your application to “uni-assist” first. Once “uni-assist” has made sure that your application is complete and formally satisfactory, it will be forwarded to the university of your choice. There is currently a processing fee of 68 Euro (~HKD

700) for the first “uni-assist” application and 15 Euro (~180HKD) for any additional application. Via “uni-assist” you can apply to several institutions using only one set of documents. Do not forget to pay attention to application deadlines which can vary significantly from one institution to the next. For more information, please visit [here](#).

**Application deadlines for Master and PhD Programmes** have greater variations. Please refer to the individual university website for further details.

### Semester structure in Germany:

#### For Universities (Universitäten)

Summer Semester: generally Apr to Sep (courses begin: 15 Apr)

Winter Semester: generally Oct to Mar (courses begin: 15 Oct)

#### For Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen)

Summer Semester: generally Mar to Aug (courses start: 15 Mar)

Winter Semester: generally Sep to Feb (courses begin: 15 Sep)

Find more information about application [here](#) or contact us at our DAAD information centre.

## FAQ: Do I Need to Speak German if I Want to Study in Germany?

**More and more Master- and PhD programmes in Germany are held in English. In science and even in daily life English is important. But without any German you will find it difficult to settle in completely.**

If you are enrolled in an English-language degree programme, you generally require no knowledge of German. But you need to proof your English proficiency. Minimum Test results required by the German Universities are usually TOEFL: 80 (Internet based) or IELTS: 5.5 (Some German Universities may require better results).

But note: If the programme is not 100% in English language you will need to prove your German proficiency!

You can proof your German by taking the TestDaF Exam in Hong Kong. TestDaF is currently held four times a year at Hong Kong Baptist University. The Goethe Institut Hong Kong offers preparatory courses for TestDaF.

More about language-skills please [read here](#).

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### Summer Schools in Germany Brochure 2011

Provides a variety of language and specialist courses information in summer 2011. Access to the online version [here](#).



### 2011 International Degree Programme Brochures

Provide information about International degree programmes (IDP) that are partly or entirely in English. Please contact our staff for more details or visit our [DAAD IDP Search Engine](#).



Bachelor Programme



Master Programme



Doctorate Programme

### TestDaF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache) Exam in Hong Kong

Coming Exam Date: **22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2011 (Tue)**  
Venue: Hong Kong Baptist University (Exact exam venue will be confirmed before exam)

To know more about taking TestDaF exam (fees and application) in Hong Kong, please click [here](#).

### Featured International Degree Programmes

**Bachelor in International Business**  
**Georg Simon Ohm University of Applied Sciences Nuremberg**

For further information, please click [here](#).

**BA in International Business Management**  
**Furtwangen University**

For further information, please click [here](#).

**MA Integrated Master's Programme: Economics and Politics, Finance, Internet Economics**  
**University of Freiburg**

For further information, please click [here](#).

**MSc in Regional Development Planning and Management**  
**Technical University Dortmund**

For further information, please click [here](#).

**PhD on Cellular Stress Responses in Ageing-Associated Diseases (CECAD Cologne)**

**University of Cologne / Cologne Cluster of Excellence Graduate School**

For further information, please click [here](#).

**PhD on Human Behaviour in Social and Economic Change (GSBC)**  
**University of Jena / Jena Graduate School**

For further information, please click [here](#).

### Scholarships and Grants

**Humanities and social sciences: Humboldt Foundation launches new research prize**

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's new Anneliese Maier Research Award honours up to 5 outstanding foreign researchers from areas of humanities and social sciences every year. The award aims at strengthening the internationalization of these subjects in Germany and will be funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

A total amount of up to 250,000 Euros will be financed to winners on their own collaborative research projects with colleagues in Germany for a period up to 5 years. Nominations must be submitted by established researchers from Germany.

**The first deadline is 31 May 2011.**

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: [info@avh.de](mailto:info@avh.de)



**Alexander von Humboldt**  
Stiftung/Foundation

**Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship Programme**



**Leibniz**  
Gemeinschaft

Application deadline: **20th June 2011**  
For more information, please click [here](#).

**PhD fellowship positions in The International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS)**  
**The Exploration of Ecological Interactions with Molecular and Chemical Techniques in Jena**



Application deadline: **26th June 2011**  
For more information, please click [here](#).

**PhD scholarships in Research Training Group "Function of Attention In Cognition" at Universität Leipzig**

Application deadline: **15th July 2011**  
For more information, please click [here](#)

Updated scholarship offers from German universities: See the [Facebook page](#) of our DAAD colleagues in Kuala Lumpur.



For more information about research funding, please visit the website [Research in Germany](#).



The DAAD [PhDGermany Platform](#) gives you direct access to PhD positions in Germany.



[German Consulate General Hong Kong](#)

Enquiries about visa application and more information about Germany as a whole.



[German Alumni Association Hong Kong](#)

Becoming a member of the Association. Meet and share information and activities with a dynamic group of people of different cultural background, people in different professions and with a wide range of experiences.

**Want to Experience Study and Life in Germany? Play “Studi-Stadt”!**

“Studi-Stadt” is the name of the first DAAD online-game. Join in the WG-casting and get to know Germany from a different perspective. The game is also available on Facebook as application.

To enter the game, please click [here](#).



**Upcoming DAAD Events**

**Pre-departure Briefing**

Date: 25th May 2011 (Wed)  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 Venue: City Top Restaurant, 9/F, Amenities Building, City University of Hong Kong

A briefing session cooperated by DAAD, City University of Hong Kong and the German Consulate General for students who are going to study or do research in Germany in the coming academic year. Local student who have studied in Germany are invited to share their experiences while representatives from the German Consulate General, the German Alumni Association and other organizations will give helpful information for a successful stay in Germany.

**4-Day Workshop on “The Rise of China and Its Changing Image in the Global System”**

Date: 2nd - 5th Jun 2011 (Thu - Sun)  
 Venue: Lam Woo International Conference Centre, Hong Kong Baptist University

The workshop is jointly organized by the HKBU Department of Government and International Studies, DAAD Hong Kong and Hong Kong America Center. The workshop is generously supported by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

**International Education Forum and Expo - Learning Journey for the Globalised World**

Date: 15th and 16th Jul 2011 (Fri & Sat)  
 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Come to visit our DAAD booth and attend the DAAD Country Session.

**Other Events**

**“Germany Around the World” photo exhibition and talk by Mr. Schael**

In commemoration of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary the German Alumni Association Hong Kong invites you to a 2-day public exhibition showcasing photos taken by GAAHK members. For more information, please check [here](#).

“Germany Around the World” photo exhibition

Date: 27th - 28th May 2011 (Fri & Sat)  
 Time: 10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Fri)  
 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Sat)  
 Venue: Exhibition site E4, main foyer, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui

Seminar on photographic culture, development and trends in Hong Kong

Speaker: Mr. Carsten Schael  
 Date: 27th May 2011 (Fri)  
 Time: 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 Venue: Room AC1, 4/F, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui

*\*Free admission to both events*



**German Film Forum – The Other Reality (April – September 2011)**

Supported by Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Goethe-Institut Hong Kong is showing a series of 6 German films in Hong Kong Film Archive on **Friday nights**. Do not miss it if you are a fan of German cinema, for programme enquiries please check [here](#).

27.05.2011	A Pass from the Back
24.06.2011	Children of the Moon
22.07.2011	Run Lola Run
26.08.2011	Grave Decisions
23.09.2011	Yella

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DAAD Booth at EHEF 2011



Dr. Sylvia Brandt answering questions at Yew Chung International School



DAAD's first talk at Hong Kong Institute of Education.

## Past DAAD Events

**Talk on "Germany – Your Alternative Choice", Baptist Wing Lung Secondary School**

Date: 1st Mar 2011 (Tue)  
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Venue: Baptist Wing Lung Secondary School, School Hall

**Talk on "Germany – Your destination for Study and Research", Hong Kong Baptist University**

Date: 2nd Mar 2011 (Wed)  
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Venue: NAB 107, Hong Kong Baptist University

**Talk on "Germany – Your 1st Choice for Study and Research", University of Macau**

Date: 3rd Mar 2011 (Thu)  
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Venue: L105, University of Macau

**AIIESEC Global Village – German Booth, Hong Kong Baptist University**

Date: 7th – 10th Mar 2011 (Mon – Thu)  
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Venue: 3/F Podium, Shaw Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University

**Talk on "Studieren in Deutschland – Echt Clever!", German Swiss International School**

Date: 9th Mar 2011 (Wed)  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Venue: German Swiss International School

**Talk on "Studium in Deutschland ", German Swiss International School**

Date: 9th Mar 2011 (Wed)  
Time: 6:00 p.m. (for parents)  
Venue: German Swiss International School

**Going Global — DAAD Booth**

Date: 11th - 12th Mar 2011 (Fri - Sat)  
Time: 8:15 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Fri)  
9:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (Sat)  
Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

**European Higher Education Fair 2011**

Date: 12th and 13th Mar 2011 (Sat & Sun)  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Venue: Exhibition Gallery 1-5, Hong Kong Central Library, Causeway Bay

**Talk on "Life and Work in Germany", IVE Kwai Chung**

Date: 17th Mar 2011 (Thu)  
Time: 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Venue: Room 609, K. K. Leung Building, The University of Hong Kong

**Talk on "Germany – Your Destination for Study", Yew Chung International School**

Date: 23rd Mar 2011 (Wed)  
Time: 10:55 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.  
Venue: Yew Chung International School, 5 To Fuk Road, Kowloon Tong

**Talk on "Studying in Germany ", The University of Hong Kong**

Date: 31st Mar (Thu)  
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.  
Venue: Room 609, K. K. Leung Building, The University of Hong Kong

**Talk on "Study and Research in Germany", Hong Kong Institute of Education**

Date: 27th Apr 2011 (Wed)  
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Venue: B4-G/F-01, Hong Kong Institute of Education

**Talk on "Germany – Your Destination for Study and Research ", Lingnan University**

Date: 28th Apr 2011 (Thu)  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Venue: MBG12, Lingnan University

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