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RISE Worldwide - International Research Internships in 2012

After the successful implementation of RISE worldwide in 2011 - in which DAAD supported 247 projects by **funding undergraduate German students to serve as research assistants** - the program is returning in 2012. Students in the early stages of their studies who have an excellent background in the fields of **engineering, natural sciences, and related disciplines, including earth sciences**, and the ambition to work abroad and gain hands-on research experience in their fields will be matched with researchers worldwide who wish to engage in a meaningful cooperation with a young German research assistant. DAAD will support these **short-term summer internships** by awarding scholarships to successful applicants to help **cover part of the living and travel costs**.

How does RISE worldwide work?

1. Researchers from accredited universities and non-profit research institutions register online and submit internship offers, including a one-page project description, from the beginning of October through the end of November 2011
2. German applicants register online to review the internship offers. They apply from the beginning of December 2011 through the middle of January 2012 to a maximum of three projects.
3. The German applicants' profiles are checked for eligibility by DAAD staff and are then activated to be reviewed online by the researchers.

Why should you take part?

As **an academic institution** you raise your profile as an internationally oriented institution, you establish new contacts with German universities, and you strengthen existing ties with the German higher education.

As **a researcher** you get assistance within your experimental work, you might gain new insights through a German student's perspective on scientific discussions, you develop soft skills & skills in personnel management, which are of special importance to PhD students and you gain new contacts with German universities.

As **a German undergraduate student** you get further theoretical and practical trainings in a research environment, you improve your language skills, you get acquainted with different academic landscapes worldwide, and you gain cultural experiences worldwide.

More information on RISE worldwide please click [here](#).

Structured or Traditional— Pathways to a Doctorate in Germany



Some 25,000 academics receive doctoral degrees in Germany every year – far more than in any other European country. And each year, more and more young international researchers are choosing to write their dissertations or join a doctoral research team in Germany. In fact, the number of foreign doctoral candidates in Germany has more than doubled since 1997.

There's more than one way to get your doctoral title in Germany. Depending on the subject, research proposal and type of university, there are several possible paths to a PhD, the most common of which are individual doctoral studies (Traditional PhD) and Structured PhD programmes.



Research in Germany



Land of Ideas

www.research-in-germany.de

An information platform and contact point for all looking to find out more about Germany's research landscape. Practical information about collaboration with German research organisations or research stay in Germany can also be found.



To download the full version in PDF, please click [here](#).

Traditional PhD

Students who take the traditional route must first find a supervisor (Doktorvater or Doktor-mutter) before they can start on their doctoral dissertation, which they complete very much on their own. This very free system with no compulsory attendance, deadlines or binding curriculum calls for a great deal of personal initiative. Doctoral students are very much left to their own devices. The vast majority of doctoral students in Germany – according to data published by the German Science Council, some 90% - still select this approach.

Pros and Cons:

- + Although the 'apprentice model' demands a high degree of individual initiative, it also offers doctoral students a great deal of freedom and enables them to shape their own doctoral research.
- + It is particularly well suited for doctoral students who would like to study for a doctorate with a specific professor.
- + The traditional path offers great freedom in the choice of subject for the doctoral dissertation (particularly in the humanities and social sciences).
- — Finding a suitable supervisor can prove difficult. He or she should be an expert in the field, but also have certain qualities as a mentor. It is useful to put our feelers in the department early on, because word soon spreads about who successfully supports doctoral students.
- — A traditional doctorate takes longer—roughly four to five years.
- — The subjects of doctoral dissertations are frequently too specialized, too little integrated into research frameworks.
- — You have to take care of funding yourself.
- — There are few guidelines and doctoral students have to struggle through on their own.

Structured PhD

A second route to a doctoral degree is gaining in popularity and attracting increasing numbers of students: it involves completing a doctorate within the framework of a structured programme comparable with the PhD programmes offered by the higher education systems in English-speaking countries. Structured doctoral programmes are offered by Research training groups organized by the [German Research Foundation \(DFG\)](#), Graduate schools and Doctoral programmes at universities, as well as international [Max Planck Research Schools](#). For all structured PhD programmes you may look up [DAAD search-engine](#).

Pros and Cons:

- + Structured programmes quickly lead to a doctoral degree—as a rule in three years.
- + Supervision is carried out by several university teachers. Doctoral students are not dependent on the goodwill of a single professor.
- + Special emphasis is placed on teamwork and practical application. Students frequently work on joint research projects and have a lot of opportunity to exchange views with other students and supervisors.
- + The question of funding is often resolved by acceptance on the programme.
- + Foreign doctoral students are supported in a variety of ways throughout the entire doctoral process. Assistance with everyday problems is also provided, as is personal guidance.
- — Applicants have to complete a multi-level application procedure. That's why you must plan ahead and leave enough time for the application process.
- — The programme of colloquia and workshops is very packed. If you attempt to take all the options available, you can easily overload your timetable.
- — The subject of your doctoral dissertation must fit with the programme; it is often not possible to select your own subject.



DFG Deutsche
Forschungsgemeinschaft

German Research Foundation

The DFG is the central, self-governing research funding organisation in Germany. Its mission is to fund and promote all fields of science and the humanities.



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Promotes academic cooperation between excellent scientists and scholars from abroad and from Germany, with more than 800 prestigious research fellowships and awards annually.



Facebook Page of DAAD Information Centre Kuala Lumpur

Provides up-to-date scholarships offers and funding information in Germany. Click [here](#) to join.

Funding Programmes and Databases

The diversity of sponsoring options is unique. Alongside large organisations such as the DAAD, up-and-coming scientists are also supported by numerous prominent foundations such as the [Alexander von Humboldt Foundation](#) or the [VW Foundation](#). In addition, there are also individual programmes provided by universities and extramural research establishments.

DAAD Scholarships and Research Grants

- Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates and Young Academics and Scientists
- Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists
- Re-invitation Programme for Former DAAD Scholarship Holders
- University Summer Courses for University Students (only advanced German level)
- Scholarships for Artists and Architects: Study Scholarships
- Study Visits/ Study Seminars and Practicals in Germany for Groups of Foreign Students
- Practical Traineeships for Foreign Students of Natural and Technical Sciences, Agriculture and Forest (IAESTE)
- Bilateral DAAD Programmes for Co-operative Research Grants (PPP) (Hong Kong)

For a more detailed description of DAAD scholarships programmes, please click [here](#).

How to Apply for a DAAD Scholarship or Research Grant?

What do you need for application?

1. Application Form (Click [here](#) to download)
2. Statement of Purpose, Methodology & Time Plan
3. Letter of Acceptance / Approval from German Host University or Professor (supervisor)
4. Letters of Recommendation (x2)

5. Full CV

6. Copy of University Entrance Degree

7. Transcripts of College & University Studies

Application deadlines to DAAD Grants

- Long-term Research Grants: **25th October 2011**
- Short-term Research Grants: Open for application throughout the year
- for other scholarship deadlines please consult [our website](#)

Croucher Foundation Hong Kong

The Croucher Foundation is a private trust set up by the late Noel Croucher, one of the founders of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and a British businessman in Hong Kong for over 70 years. The Foundation specializes in **promoting the standard of natural science, technology and medicine** in Hong Kong through awards and grants to scientists based in and serving Hong Kong. The Foundation works with DAAD on PhD scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships for study in Germany

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

Humboldt Foundation (Postdoctoral Funding)

The "Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung" (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation) promotes academic cooperation between excellent scientists and scholars from abroad and from Germany

Every year, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation enables more than 2,000 researchers with outstanding academic achievements from all over the world to spend time researching in Germany.

Since there are no quotas set by the foundation, neither for individual countries, nor for particular academic disciplines, the Foundation maintains a network of more than 25,000 Humboldtians from all disciplines in over 130 countries worldwide - including 44 Nobel Laureates.

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

Further Information on Funding

More **selected funding programmes** can be found [here](#).

List of funding databases can be found [here](#).

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Research Explorer
The German
research directory

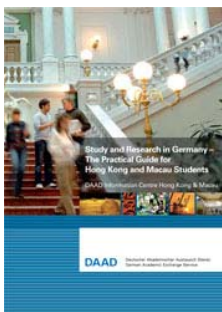
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Scholarship Offer Jacobs Foundation:

10 Doctoral Fellowships for Early Career Scholars in the field of **Psychology and Educational Sciences**:

Application deadline: **15th Sept 2011**

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

Dresden Leibniz Graduate School — Phd Doctoral Fellowships in Urban and Regional Resilience

Applications from outside of Germany are particularly welcome.

Application deadline: **30th October 2011**

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

Professor Margret Wintermantel Elected New DAAD President

The President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), Professor Dr. Margret Wintermantel, is to be the new President of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as of 1st January 2012, with Professor Dr. Sabine Kunst, former president of DAAD, having been appointed Brandenburg's Minister of Higher Education and Research.



(Photo by Eduard Fiege)

Margret Wintermantel studied psychology and publishing at Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz from 1966 to 1970. After finishing

her doctorate in 1972, she completed her "Habilitation" (German qualification for a university lecturer) in psychology at the University of Heidelberg in 1986. Before being elected HRK President in March 2006, Wintermantel had already been HRK Vice-President for Research and Junior Scientists and Scholars and, from 2000 to 2006, she was appointed as the President of the University of the Saar.

With Wintermantel's election, a woman will be heading the largest academic exchange organisation world-wide for the second time.

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

EHEF 2011 Fair Report Now Available Online!



The 11th European Higher Education Fair Hong Kong was held successfully on 12th and 13th March 2011 at Hong Kong Central Library. This year over 4,700 visitors were seeking for information on study and research opportunities in Europe. Representatives of 47 universities from 13 European countries introduced their study programmes and explained the admission requirements to local students.

The complete fair report is now available online, and can be downloaded [here](#).

The next EHEF in Hong Kong will be held on 10th –11th March 2012. Stay close and do not miss out on the chance to meet with higher education institutions from all over Europe!

Photos of Pre-departure Briefing 2011



Students at the Pre-departure Briefing talk



Alumni sharing session



Student networking while enjoying German delicacies

Upcoming DAAD Events

Promotion Weeks, Hong Kong Baptist University

Date: Monday - Friday, 12 - 16 Sep 2011
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Venue: HSH Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University

Date: Monday - Friday, 19 - 23 Sep 2011
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Venue: Shaw Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University

DAAD will set up a booth at both HSH and Shaw campus during these 2 weeks.

Talk "Study and Research in Germany", the University of Macau International Fair 2011

Date: Wednesday, 28 Sep 2011
Time: 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Venue: TBC

The 16th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair – DAAD Booth

Date: Thursday – Sunday, 20 – 23 Oct 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Venue: The Venetian Macao Resort Hotel

Other 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](#).

- 26.08.2011 Grave Decisions
- 23.09.2011 Yella

Scenes and Traces of a Fall-The Berlin Wall in the Eyes of Photographers—An exhibition by the Foundation Brandenburger Tor curated by Matthias Harder

20 years after the fall of the Wall, Hong Kong public has a chance to witness this revolutionary political change during the autumn of

1989 and its subsequent developments through the exhibition. For more information, please click [here](#).

Date: 27 July – 17 Sep 2011
Venue: Goethe-Gallery, Goethe-Institut Hongkong

A Logo for Human Rights

Nearly everybody knows that a heart symbolizes love and a white dove means peace. But how to depict human rights? International competition on logo for Human Rights: [Online voting](#) starts 27. August 2011. Don't miss!



Past DAAD Events

German Pre-departure Briefing 2011 at City University

Date: 25 May 2011 (Wed)
Venue: City Top Restaurant, City University of Hong Kong

More than 80 students joined this meaningful annual event sponsored by the City University of Hong Kong and the German Consulate of Hong Kong.

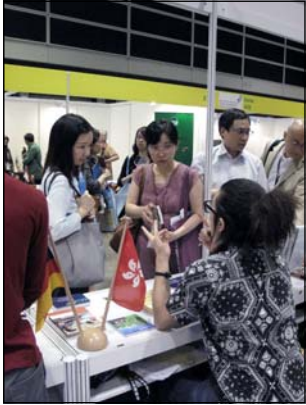
The Rise of China and Its Changing Image in the Global System Conference—Hosted by the Hong Kong Baptist University, DAAD and the Hong Kong America Center, Supported by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Date: 2-5 June 2011 (Thu - Sun)
Venue: Hong Kong Baptist University



Participants and organizers from The Rise of China and Its Changing Image in the Global System Conference

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Visitors showed immense interest in studying in Germany

International Education Forum and Expo (IEFE) - Learning Journey for the Globalised World

Date: 15 July and 16 July 2011 (Fri & Sat)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Booth D12, Hall 3F, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

More than 300 visitors obtained information on study and research opportunities at the Germany booth during the 2-day Expo hosted by the Hong Kong Education Bureau. Dr. Werner Wnendt, Director-General for Culture and Communication in the Federal Foreign Office attended the International Education Forum as the honorable guest from Germany.



Germany Booth at the International Education Forum and Expo (IEFE) - DAAD shared the booth with Goethe Institut Hong Kong.

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