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Today's Theme

FAQ: When do I have to submit my application for German Universities?

Bachelor Studies at German universities are generally divided into semesters (One academic year consists in 2 semesters). Studies begin in the winter semester and/or the summer semester. The exact dates might vary slightly from one university to the next. However, only a limited number of programmes allow students to start their studies in the summer semester.

The general application deadline for **winter semester is 15 July** and that for the **summer semester is 15 January**. **Non EU citizens** are usually required to hand in their application **before the end of May** for the winter semester, We strongly advise students in Hong Kong to submit their application starting April.

Please note that the application deadlines for *Master Programmes* have greater variations. Some require applicants to register online by the end of March, others require students to take certain tests beforehand. Please browse the universities' websites for further details on the application process.

Further details to semester structure:

For Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen)

Summer Semester: generally March to August (courses start: 15 March)

Winter Semester: generally September to February (courses begin: 15 September)

For Universities (Universitäten)

Summer Semester: generally April to September (courses begin: 15 April)

Winter Semester: generally October to March (courses begin: 15 October)



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Monthly Chat Sessions with DAAD Experts

DAAD, via [study-in.de](http://www.study-in.de), held its first monthly chat series for students interested in study in Germany on Wednesday April 21. The theme of this chat was "Introductory and Preparatory Courses at German Universities". (You can read the transcript of the chat with all questions asked at: <http://www.study-in.de/en/community/chat/>)

The [study-in.de](http://www.study-in.de) seven-chat series will continue in May, June, September, October, November and December. The topics for May and June are "Applying to Study in Germany", and "Summer Courses in Germany".

To learn more and to register for the chat, please visit: www.study-in.de/en/chat/

DAAD's New Secretary General, Dr. Dorothea Rüländ

Effective October 1, Dr. Dorothea Rüländ will succeed Dr. Christian Bode as Secretary General of DAAD in Bonn. Dr. Rüländ is currently the director of the International Center at the Freie Universität Berlin.

Dr. Rüländ was chosen by a search committee that included DAAD board members and representatives of the German ministries for Foreign Affairs, for Education and Research and for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Dr. Rüländ studied at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg in the departments of German Studies, History and Musicology, and received her doctorate in 1984. After five years as a lecturer in Thailand, she joined DAAD headquarter, heading various departments and the regional office in Jakarta. From 2004 until her move to the Freie Universität in 2008, Dr. Rüländ served as deputy secretary general of DAAD.

Dr. Rüländ will succeed Dr. Christian Bode, who after 20 years as Secretary General of DAAD, will retire on September 30, 2010. "I am sure," said DAAD Vice-President Prof. Dr. Max Huber, "that this is a good decision for the future of DAAD and the internationality of German universities."



Dr. Dorothea Rüländ
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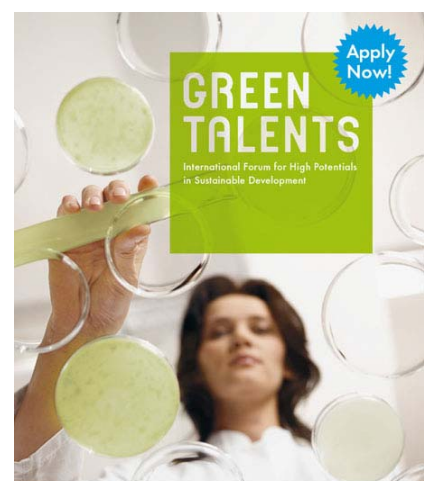
'Green Talents 2010' Looks for Outstanding Green Scientists

The "green talents" competition is seeking 15 outstanding young scientists from around the world who work in the field of sustainable development.

The selected applicants will travel throughout Germany and visit leading universities, research institutions and companies. They will gather specific information about research activities on site and learn about opportunities for cooperation with German partners.

The guests will have an opportunity to present their own research as part of the forum. The programme will also include several cultural events and a symposium with experts and young German scientists.

During the year following their participation in the "Green Talents Forum", the winners of the competition will be invited to return to Germany for an additional research stay (up to three months) at a German university, research institution or company in order to carry out or further develop a research project. Funding will be provided by the Federal Ministry of education and research.



Application Deadline: 20th June 2010

For further information, please visit:

www.greentalents.de

16 PhD Scholarships In Life Sciences, Muenster University

Münster's Graduate Program on Cell Dynamics and Disease (CEDAD) offers cutting edge science together with the newly founded International Max Planck Research School – Molecular Biomedicine (IMPRS-MBM). CEDAD and IMPRS-MBM - jointly run by the University of Münster and the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Biomedicine - offer integrative approaches to biomedical research with a strong emphasis on imaging.

The 3-year PhD projects range from studying molecular mechanisms of basic cellular processes to the analysis of the molecular basis of inflammatory and vascular diseases. We offer outstanding research in high-profile laboratories as well as excellent scientific and "soft-skill" training aimed to strengthen the PhD students' competences for their future careers. (Students will receive a tax-free fellowship of 1365-1400 € per month. Support with visas, accommodation and administrative matters is also provided.)

Application deadline: 20th May 2010

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

Erasmus Mundus Master's And PhD Scholarships

Erasmus Mundus is a European cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with non-European countries. As one line of action the Erasmus Mundus programme is offering Master's and PhD scholarships for selected courses offered jointly by at least two European universities.

The courses range from agricultural and forestry sciences through business and law studies to natural sciences and engineering. There are more than 100 Master's courses and 13 joint doctoral programmes, many of which involve German universities and open a door to fully funded postgraduate studies in Germany.

To find out more about the Erasmus Mundus Scholarships and participating institutions, please click [here](#).

European Higher Education Fair 2010 – 10th Anniversary

The European Higher Education Fair 2010, celebrating its 10th anniversary was held on 13th -14th March 2010. The number of visitors recorded was an all-time high of 5188. 51 higher education institutions from 13 European countries, including new-comers such as Lithuania and Poland informed visitors on the most up-to-date study opportunities and cultures in Europe.



The interest in **German Higher Education** was strong. **12** universities, among them **4 German Excellence Universities**,

presented their study and degree programmes and provided individual counseling to the visitors. At the **DAAD booth** alone over 900 visitors got first-hand information about study, research and living in Germany.



Aside from that the free language sessions and the alumni talks were very popular among the visitors. Students and parents could get a first-hand feeling of the European cultural variety by learning a European language or discussing personal experiences with alumni who studied in Europe.

The After Fair Report will be made available for download on the [EHEF 2010 official website](#) in June.

Featured International Degree Programmes

BA International Business Management Berlin School of Economics and Law

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

BA Integrated Design Cologne University of Applied Sciences

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

MEng in Development in Automotive & Mechanical Engineering Esslingen University of Applied Science

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

MSc Information Systems University of Göttingen

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

PhD Program Medical Life Science and Technology Technical University Munich

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

PhD Global Politics (GSGP Programme) Free University of Berlin/ Graduate School of Global Politics

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

If you are interested in other International programmes please consult the DAAD search machine at www.daad.de/idp

Upcoming Events

Study Abroad in Germany, Pre-departure Briefing

Date: Tuesday, 8th June, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Venue: TBC

A briefing session is organized for student who will be going to study or research in Germany in the coming year. Students will get a chance to meet and talk to students and experts who have been to Germany and get first-hand information about living and studying in Germany.

Past Events

Talk on 'Germany – Your destination of Study and Research', The University of Macau

Date: Wednesday, 3rd March 2010

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Venue: L105

Over 80 students from the University of Macau were at the talk. Information on BA, MA and PhD study opportunities was shared.



European Higher Education Fair 2010

Date: Saturday and Sunday, 13th -14th March, 2010

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Central Library, Causeway Bay

A great number of visitors seized the opportunity to visit our **DAAD booth** at EHEF 2010, which provided information material and counseling on study and research opportunities in Germany.



German Fest at the Hong Kong Baptist University

Date: Monday to Thursday, 29th March – 1st April, 2010

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Venue: Mirror Room, 5/F, Student Common Room, Ho Sin Hang Campus, HKBU

A booth from DAAD was set up for HKBU students to gather more information on living and studying in Germany.



Consultation Session, University of Macau

Date: Thursday, 29th April 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Room A102

Other Events

Transition – Paintings by Frank Burbach

Exhibition

Date: 4th – 15th May 2010

Venue: Goethe-Gallery, Goethe-Institut Hong Kong

Free Admission

For details, please click [here](#).

German Film Forum: April-September 2010

Real Life on Screen

German with English subtitling

Venue: Hong Kong Film Archive, Cinema

A series of 6 films based on real life biographies, and life torn between the camera and the reality.

Friday, 28 th May 2010, 8:00p.m.	Whiskey with Vodka
Friday, 25 th Jun 2010, 8:00 p.m.	Clara
Friday, 23 rd Jul 2010, 8:00 p.m.	No Place to Go
Friday, 27 th Aug 2010, 8:00 p.m.	Addicted to Acting
Friday, 24 th Sept 2010, 8:00 p.m.	2 or 3 Things I Know About Him

HK\$ 50/25 at URBTIX outlets

For details, please click [here](#).

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Weekly Consultation

Consultation Hours:

**Monday 5p.m. - 8p.m. and Tuesday 10a.m. - 12 noon (no appointment required)
or by appointment Monday - Friday 10a.m. - 6p.m.**

The DAAD Information Centre is closed on public holidays of the Hong Kong SAR.
We also hold **monthly consultation** in the **Goethe Institute (Wanchai, HK Arts Centre)** every **first Monday** in a month 7p.m. - 8p.m