

Aufgabenbeschreibung für die ab Hochschuljahr 2020/2021 an nordamerikanischen Universitäten zu besetzenden Gastdozenturen

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Fachliches Profil:	German Studies mit Schwerpunkt in deutscher Literatur und Kultur, bevorzugt mit Fokus auf die Moderne (insbesondere auf das 20. und 21. Jhd.)
Lehraufgaben:	Fünf Kurse pro Jahr nach dem Quartersystem: mindestens einer im Graduiertenbereich, die anderen im Undergraduate Bereich. Die inhaltliche Gestaltung hängt von den wissenschaftlichen Schwerpunkten des/der Kandidaten/in ab Aktive Mitarbeit bei Planung und Organisation kulturpolitischer Aktivitäten der Gasthochschule zur Vermittlung eines zeitgemäßen Deutschlandbildes
Voraussetzungen:	Abgeschlossene Promotion; einschlägige wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen; mehrjährige Lehrerfahrung; sehr gute Englischkenntnisse; Staatsangehörigkeit eines EU-Mitgliedsstaats
Beginn:	September 2020
Dauer:	Besetzung zunächst für die Dauer von zwei Jahren, mit Verlängerungsmöglichkeit

Die Beschreibung der jeweiligen Position formuliert die Gasthochschule im *DAAD Professorship Questionnaire* wie folgt:

INFORMATION DESCRIBING THE POSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DAAD PROFESSOR

a) Length of initial appointment, renewability:

After an initial appointment of 2 years, the Weinberg dean's office will produce either a one- or two-year renewal contract, depending on the recommendation of the department and the DAAD.

b) Status of the appointee (assistant guest professor, associate guest professor, guest professor):

We are open to a guest professor at any of these levels. We generally prefer an associate professor, but we are certainly open to an assistant guest professor.

c) Disciplinary field and areas of specialization and sub-specialization preferred:

We are open to any field in German literary and cultural studies, with a preference for the modern period and especially the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. But we would also seriously consider a scholar whose expertise and pedagogy focuses on the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

d) Desired qualifications of the DAAD Professor:

A PhD is required; Habilitation is certainly desirable but not necessary.

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e) What is the regular course load the DAAD Professor will be expected to carry per academic year?

The DAAD professor will be expected to teach 5 courses over three quarters, hence either 1 or 2 courses per nine-week quarter.

f) To what extent will research focus and academic specialization of the DAAD Professor be given weight in designing course topics? To what extent will the DAAD Professor be expected to teach within an established curriculum? What are likely course topics to be assigned to the DAAD Professor?

The DAAD professor's academic focus and specialization will be a key factor in the determination and design of the courses that he or she teaches. We have a few courses that regularly enroll a relatively large number of students, and we will work with the DAAD professor to see whether his or her expertise accords with the general aims of these courses; but in all cases, we expect our faculty, including our visiting faculty, to teach within their fields of interest and expertise. This is what makes for strong, compelling teaching, which draws students into the topics under discussion.

g) Will courses taught by the DAAD Professor be eligible for cross-listing with other units of the host institution?

Absolutely – and it is something that we will strongly encourage. The most common form of cross-listing is with Comparative Literature, but we always look out for other units with which our courses can be productively connected.

h) Ratio and level of graduate and undergraduate courses the DAAD Professor will be expected to teach:

This is very much a function of the professorial status of the visiting professor and the fields in which he or she works; typically, 1 graduate course per year will be offered which may as necessary be replaced by a joint advanced undergraduate/graduate course.

i) Estimated number of students expected to enroll in the courses taught by the DAAD Professor:

- **For 200-level classes, we expect 15-25 students, although occasionally courses are larger, in which case we try to assign a TA.**
- **For 300-level classes, we expect 8-15 students.**
- **For 400-level (graduate) seminars, we expect 5-10 students.**

j) Additional duties and activities expected of the DAAD Professor within and outside the university (e.g. local and regional outreach activities, fostering of a more productive relationship with German institutions and the German scholarly community):

We invite our new DAAD professor to give at least one public lecture during his or her first two years – as a way of introducing him- or herself to the university community. And we encourage our DAAD professors to create connections and host colloquia in accordance with the academic and pedagogical specializations and interests.