RISE Germany 2022
Research Internships in Science and Engineering

Information on a potential co-financing scheme for US universities

In our RISE Germany program, DAAD offers the option of Partner-Scholarships to German, US universities to sponsor more students than the DAAD/RISE program’s financial budget alone would allow.

What is the “Partner-Scholarship” and how does it work?
Every year, we receive more offers for research internships from German universities who would like to participate in the RISE Germany program, and more applications from US students, than we can shoulder with our RISE budget. DAAD has funds for about 140 scholarships, yet for the past years, we have been able to invite over 320 RISE participants, thanks to co-operations with, for example, the German Research Foundation, our Canadian partner Mitacs, the ‘Fonds der Chemischen Industrie’ (Association of Chemical Industries), and – last but not least – thanks to Partner-Scholarships offered by U.S.-American universities. This year we plan again to offer 320 scholarships.

Fully funded DAAD/RISE scholarships include: a monthly stipend of 861 Euro, international travel subsidy, health insurance and accident and personal/private liability insurance, and an allowance of 160 Euro for travel within Germany. Additionally, DAAD invites all RISE Germany interns to a two-day scholarship holder meeting in Heidelberg, all expenses paid (depends on the pandemic situation if it takes place or not).

In the context of the Partner-Scholarship, DAAD provides the RISE Germany participant with all the services mentioned above except the monthly stipend. This is covered by the student’s home institution (861 Euros per month, 10 weeks minimum and three months maximum stay). Travel expenses offered by the sending university must be deducted from the DAAD payment.

DAAD offers this co-financing scheme to include more students in the RISE program than the RISE program’s own financial budget would allow. Consequently, we will only rely on your Partner-Scholarship if your student cannot be supported through a fully DAAD funded scholarship. How does this work?

The matching process of research internships and applicants is handled by our team at DAAD. If applicants from your university are placed among the top 140 students (criteria: academic achievement and assessment by the internship provider), or in a project co-funded by our German partner German research foundation (DFG), your institution will not be asked to support any of your students with a Partner-Scholarship. After those slots are filled, we continue to match offers and students, even though our own funds are locked up. If one or more of your students is/are highly ranked by the internship providers on a slot without available funding, we would contact you to see if you can support them with a Partner-Scholarship to enable them to participate in the RISE Germany program.

Should your university/department be willing to consider this as a possible option, please let us know who the appropriate person to contact would be! The matching process usually takes place in mid-February, and this is the time when we would get in touch with you regarding funding for Partner-Scholarships.

For more information or to forward your contact information for the discussion of Partner Scholarships, please contact

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Many thanks! Your RISE Germany team