Welcome

Information Session
RISE Professional
Thursday October 27, 2022
Information Session - RISE Professional

1. DAAD – Our organization, our programs
2. The RISE family
3. Report of our RISE pro Alumna – Luisa Venegas
4. How to apply for an internship
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Please mute yourself and turn your cameras off during the presentation. We are happy to answer all questions at the end – either via chat or you can unmute yourself.
DAAD
Our organization, our programs
The German Academic Exchange Service – a self-governing organisation of German Universities

242 member universities and 105 student bodies
The map shows 263 university locations in Germany

www.daad.de
What does DAAD do?

DAAD provides:

- Scholarships & grants (for all disciplines, at all stages)
- Information and counseling about studying & research in Germany
- Support for internationalization of German universities
- The study of German language and culture abroad

Supporting students, researchers and artists from Germany and abroad (from 1950 to 2021)
RISE

The RISE family
RISE Professional
The RISE family - Three different program lines

RISE Professional
- Internships in Research & Development for North American, British and Irish Master's and PhD students as well as for recent graduates at German companies research institute with reference to industry.

RISE Germany
- Research internships in Germany for undergraduate students from North America, the UK and Ireland during the summer and research institutes.

RISE Worldwide
- Research internships for German Bachelor students, spending the summer at universities and research institutions around the world
RISE Professional

- Internships for Master’s and PhD students from North America, UK and Ireland AND NEW: also recent graduates can apply!
- R&D projects in the STEM and related fields in German companies and non-university research institutions that have a strong reference to industry
- 10 weeks or up to 6 months between May to December
- Working language is depending on the project’s requirements, but usually English

https://www.daad.de/rise/en/rise-professional/
The Scholarship

• International travel subsidy and insurance package provided through DAAD.
• Accompanying German language course is possible
• Monthly scholarship:
  - PhD students: 1.200,- Euros
  - Master’s students: 861,- Euros
  (thereof 500,- Euros per month are paid by the host company)
• Recent grads and internships longer than 3 months: minimum wage will be paid (12 €/h gross).
**Timeline**

**September - October**
- Internship providers enter their research projects into our online database.

**November 1 – December 15**
- Students can apply for up to three projects and submit their applications online.

**December - January**
- DAAD reviews all applications and forwards complete applications to the internship providers.
- Internship providers create a ranking.

**February - March**
- Selection takes place at the DAAD headquarters in Bonn in agreement with the internship providers.
- Scholarship announcement.

**May – October**
- The first internships start in May.
- Start and end date are arranged between intern and host.
Luisa Venegas

- RISE Professional scholar: May – November 2022

- University of Texas at El Paso

- Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering (IOF)
October 27, 2022

- DAAD Internship
- RISE Professional 2022
- Luisa Maria Venegas
Background Information

- Started my studies at The University of Texas at El Paso in the Fall of 2018 and graduated May 2022 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.
- Participated in organizations such as SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) and SWE (Society of Women Engineers).
- I first heard about DAAD by undergraduate research adviser while completing my undergraduate studies.
Application Tips

Sending documents

- Search for programs of interest and take note of them, you can apply to 3 programs maximum.
- Organize all the documents needed to apply such as motivation letter, letter(s) of recommendation, and transcripts from your university.
- Check the language requirements, whether proficiency of the German language is needed, or a good understanding of the English language will suffice.
Further steps

Travel preparation

- If accepted, you would have to prepare everything you will need to live in Germany, preferably 2-3 months in advance.
- Check the German embassy visa requirements and write down what documents you would need to apply for a visa, you might not need one, depending on how long you are planning to stay and your country of origin.
- Highly Recommended: Try to take a German intensive course with a month or two in advance. Even if it is not needed for the internship, it would help you with every-day life.
- Look into housing with at least 1 to 2 months in advance before planned arrival date.
Settling in

Learning a new way of life

- It will take some time to get used to a different way of life, but eventually you will feel a bit more comfortable.
- Opening a German bank account: find out which banks are more international-friendly, some might give you a contract in German.
- Ask a German friend for tips on applying to a bank, and about the transportation system.
- The transportation system should be easy to settle in to, especially if it’s a city with 100-300 thousand inhabitants.
- Travel: Depending on your spending budget, either travel cheap taking the regional trains or at a high speed with the ICE (Inter-City Express).
Matched internship

Fraunhofer IOF located in Jena, Germany

- Jena is a city that specialized in optics and optic design, much research in photonics is taken place here.
- I was hired by Fraunhofer IOF to research on the heat transfer effects of a special type of crystal inside a temperature controlled-oven using FEM software.
- The internship duration was either 3 or 6 months, but I decided to extended to 6 months since I enjoyed living here the first half.
Thank you for your attention.
Your application
The RISE Professional database
The database

- Register and Log in
  November 1 – December 15, 2022
  https://www.daad.de/rise/en/rise-professional/find-an-internship/application-portal/
- Search for internship offers and „memorize“ them
- Create and Edit your application for up to three internship offers
- Enter the Contact information of your professor

https://www.daad.de/rise/en/rise-professional/find-an-internship/application-portal/
Which documents do you need?

• Motivation (cover) letter addressed to each project
• Curriculum vitae/résumé
• Letter of reference from a past employer (if available)
• List of subjects studied by the time the internship begins
• Current official university/college transcript
• Previous Bachelor and/or Master certificate degree
• Completed “Certificate of enrolment” form (has to show the expected date of graduation download document)
• Copy of the passport
• Letter of reference from a senior academic / professor in your field of study from the university you are enrolled at

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Certificate of enrolment

Erklärung zur Immatriculationsbescheinigung / Declaration of Certificate of Enrolment

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The German Federal Employment Agency requires the following information for the approval of

- einer Ferienbeschäftigung // a vacation job
- Fortsetzung des Studiums nach den Semesterferien // Continuation of studies after semester break
- eines studienfachbezogenen Praktikums // an internship related to the field of study
- Angestrebter akademischer Grad // Expected academic degree
  - Bachelor // Undergraduate
  - Master // Graduate
  - andere Hochschulbildung (Mindestlaufzeit 3 Jahre) // Other higher education (min. duration 3 years)
- Die Studienordnung beinhaltet eine Pflichtpraktikum von mindestens //
  - Stunden // hours
  - Wochen // weeks
  - Monate // months
  (Bitte entsprechenden Absatz aus der Studienordnung beilegen // Please enclose the relevant details from the study regulations)
- Davon wurden // Of which
  - Stunden // hours
  - Wochen // weeks
  - Monate // months
  - bereits absolviert // months have already been completed
- Datum // Date

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Overall this stay has been a great experience, and I could not be more grateful for the opportunity that was awarded to me. I highly recommend for others to participate and seize an opportunity like this.
Questions?
Questions after the session

1) For the submission of a project from the professional, is the submission still open? (What date is the final closing)

   - Submission of projects was possible until October 31.

2) I got directly enrolled to a PhD program at the US after finishing my bachelor's in another country. Would I need to translate my bachelor's certificate, and if that is the case does it need to be an official translation?

   - International students have to be in the country for at least 12 months at the time of application. Yes, please submit a translation of your Bachelor degree with your application. You can use the translation you submitted when you applied for the Master’s in your actual country of study.

3) If the application result doesn't come out until Feb-March, is this enough time to sort housing/visa if the start is in May?

   - It is possible to get everything arranged in this timeframe: visa application housing and more. However, even with a start in June or July you should start to prepare for your stay immediately after the matching confirmation.

4) When the evaluators are looking at your application as a recent graduate from undergrad, do they only compare your application to other recent graduates or to the pool of PhD/master's students as well?

   - We assume that all applications for one project will be compared to find the best match. If a project provider/company is interested in recent grads, your chances are not lower.
Questions after the session

5) I have heard that due to the energy crisis some German funding will most likely be impacted. Will RISE professionals be impacted? (i.e. number of awarded scholarships)

   - This is correct, but the RISE Professional program is not impacted.

6) I am a Ph.D. student in Dallas, Texas, USA. Considering the 1200 Euros stipend for Ph.D. students, is it affordable to live in Germany for the internship duration, or do we need extra funding? Besides, may we come with our spouse to the internship? Is there any extra funding for those with a dependent?

   - Luisa Venegas (RISE Pro Alumna): The scholarship is sufficient for general living expenses
   - If you plan to travel with your spouse (and / or kids) you must arrange everything yourself. Unfortunately, DAAD cannot provide extra funding or assist with the visa application for your spouse in this program.

7) As a RISE intern Alumnus, I see how a longer stay could be very valuable to your learning and the contribution you make to their team. Does DAAD have any resources for doing your entire masters in Germany [ie. 2 years]?

   - There are many other funding possibilities to study or research in Germany. Please have a look at our database:
     https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/
     and for study programs in general at:
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