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Promoting German and European Studies in Canada

– Fourth Call for Proposals (2009) –

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Background

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has been supporting German and European Studies at Canadian universities for many years. Visiting DAAD professors teach at several Canadian universities. Scholarly conferences and some innovative projects in the field are being supported with German Foreign Office StaDaF funds through DAAD. We expect to continue these programs at comparable levels over the years to come.

At York University and the Université de Montréal, The Canadian Centre for German and European Studies was launched with DAAD support in 1997, following a national call for proposals. Additional initiatives at the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia have won DAAD support in subsequent years. The initial phase of these initiatives, with joint funding from German and Canadian sources, has ended between 2006 and 2008. The Canadian partner universities are committed to carrying on these initiatives with funding from endowments and other gifts, built over the last decade, from their own budgets, and from provincial, federal, and international sources, including scholarly granting agencies.

A strong basis for German and European Studies has thus been laid. DAAD is willing to further strengthen innovative and interdisciplinary approaches in research and teaching and hopes to enlist the intellectual and financial support of our Canadian partners to this end.

We have therefore launched a new program for the support of German and European Studies at Canadian universities. This is the fourth in a series of annual calls for proposals.

In the first round, a proposal for a Canadian Information Platform in German and European Studies was approved, and has since been implemented. Also, an Annual Summer School will be established on the basis of applications received in the third round. Therefore, no new applications under program lines (1) and (2) will be accepted in this round.

Program Objectives

The term “German and European Studies” describes research and teaching about contemporary Germany (including comparative studies) as well as its role in the European Union and its interaction with other European countries and the world at large. The focus is on interdisciplinary approaches based in the social sciences and/or cultural studies that go beyond, though do not exclude, the literary manifestations of German culture.

Within that framework the specific objectives of the program are

- to fully realize and further expand the scholarly potential that has been developed over the past decade
- to contribute to the ongoing political and cultural dialogue between Canada and Germany as well as the European Union

- to enhance cooperation between existing institutional structures in Canada so that the entire academic community in Canada and overseas can take maximum advantage of these and related initiatives
- to build stronger networks to pool resources within and without these institutional structures
- to encourage Canadian universities to further develop their own intellectual and financial commitment to German and European Studies
- to help Canadian institutions and individual researchers to compete successfully for federal and provincial funding.

Program lines

Funding is available in particular for the following kinds of projects:

- (1) Information Platform for the Canadian academic community in German and European Studies (**NOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN THIS ROUND**)
- (2) Organization of an Annual Summer School (**NOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN THIS ROUND**)
- (3) Seed money for research projects in preparation of grant proposals to Canadian or European research funding organizations (DAAD funding in this component is limited to one year)
- (4) Seed money for the development of joint transatlantic programs, in particular on the postgraduate level, e.g., in preparation of proposals for international research training groups (“Internationale Graduiertenkollegs” / DFG) or EU/Canadian programs
- (5) Transatlantic mobility of Canadian and German students and faculty in the context of joint research projects (priority will be given to projects involving several Canadian universities; regular DAAD scholarship rates or per diems and lump sums for travel apply, see [Annex](#))
- (6) Short research visits (up to three months) of German or, in exceptional cases, other European faculty members to one or several Canadian universities (regular DAAD per diems and lump sums for international travel for visiting professors apply, see [Annex](#))
- (7) Lecture series of German or, in exceptional cases, other European faculty members at several Canadian universities (per diems and travel costs are reimbursed according to applicable *Bundesreisekostengesetz* regulations)
- (8) Medium-term (up to 3 years) projects of one or several Canadian universities to further develop specific strengths in German and European Studies
- (9) Other innovative projects that are not eligible for DAAD support under other ongoing programs.

We encourage joint applications from several institutions under all program lines.

Institutions or consortia submitting proposals for program line (8) must at least match the DAAD contribution with institutional and research funding above and beyond commitments these institutions have made in previous agreements with DAAD.

Under the other program lines, the availability of matching funds from institutional, public or private sources will be an asset.

Institutions and consortia may apply for funding under several program lines in one proposal. Individual institutions or faculty may join several consortia or submit both individual and consortial proposals.

Proposals may be submitted for a maximum three-year funding cycle at this time (except under program line (3) where the maximum funding period is one year).

Procedure

Proposals may be submitted by all Canadian institutions of higher education and full-time faculty employed by them, regardless of citizenship.

Applicants affiliated with the Université de Montréal, the University of British Columbia, the University of Toronto or York University must submit proposals through The Canadian Centre for German and European Studies (CCGES – York University) / Le Centre canadien d'études allemandes et européennes (CCEAE – Université de Montréal), the Joint Initiative in German and European Studies (JIGES – University of Toronto) or the Institute for European Studies (IES – University of British Columbia) respectively.

There is no proposal form. Proposals should include a description of the project (no more than 10 pages) and a budget with detailed data on planned expenditure and institutional funding commitments. Budgets must be in Canadian Dollars and calculated separately for each German fiscal (i.e. calendar) year.

Proposals must be mailed to the DAAD Regional Office for Canada and the US in New York City and be post-marked no later than October 1, 2009. In addition, proposals must be provided in electronic form.

Decisions on grant awards will be taken by DAAD on the basis of a review of proposals by a panel composed of international experts. The decision is expected to be reached by December 2009. Project activities should be scheduled to fall within calendar years 2010, 2011, and 2012 (for program line (3), see above).

Annex

Calculations for proposals should be given in CAD, based on the rates shown below in EUR. Rates are subject to change (*calculated as: 1 EUR = 1.5 CAD*)

1. Daily and monthly levels of funding for Canadian faculty and students in Germany as of September 1, 2008

<u>Levels of Funding</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Students</u> 1) Undergraduate Students 2) Master Students 3) Doctoral Students
Monthly Rate	1,840 EUR (2,760 CAD)	1) 650 EUR (975 CAD) 2) 750 EUR (1,125 CAD) 3) 1,000 EUR (1,500 CAD)
Daily Rate	82 EUR (123 CAD) (until 22 days of stay)	1/30 of monthly rates
<u>Travel Allowance</u>		
from/to Canada East	800 EUR (1,200 CAD)	800 EUR (1,200 CAD)
from/to Canada West	1,200 EUR (1,800 CAD)	1,200 EUR (1,800 CAD)

2. Daily and monthly levels of funding for German/European faculty and students in Canada as of September 1, 2008

<u>Levels of Funding</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Students</u> 1) Undergraduate Students 2) Master Students 3) Doctoral Students
Monthly Rate	1,840 EUR (2,760 CAD)	1) 350 EUR (525 CAD) 2) 850 EUR (1,275 CAD) 3) 1,075 EUR (1,613 CAD)
1 – 14 days	87 EUR (130 CAD)	1/30 of monthly rates
15 days to 1 month	67 EUR (100 CAD)	
<u>Travel Allowance</u>		
from/to Canada East	1,050 EUR (1,575 CAD)	800 EUR (1,200 CAD)
from/to Canada West	1,575 EUR (2,363 CAD)	1,200 EUR (1,800 CAD)

Canada East includes the following provinces: NB, NS, PE, QC, ON, NF

Canada West includes the following provinces: AB, BC, MB, SK, NT, YT