



Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst
German Academic Exchange Service

DAAD Guest Professorship Program

– Request for Proposals (2010) –

Introduction

In support of the increasingly recognized objective of universities in the United States to enhance the international dimension of the curriculum, and guided by mutual interest in strengthening the longstanding tradition of transatlantic academic cooperation, DAAD New York is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals to place German senior academics in longer-term guest professorships with American host institutions.

Background

DAAD is a membership organization of the German institutions of higher education and their student bodies. The purpose of the DAAD is to promote international academic relations, in particular through the exchange of students and academics. Its programs are open to all countries and disciplines and to foreigners as well as Germans. For further information on the DAAD, please visit the web sites of the head office in Bonn at www.daad.de and of the North American branch office at www.daad.org. The guest professorship program, funded on the German side by allocation from the Foreign Office, was inaugurated in 1984 at the University of Minnesota. It was initially designed with a view to fostering curriculum innovation in the field of German Studies and to supporting a multi-faceted approach to the study of things German in North American higher education. Over the years, some 100 German guest professors in a variety of disciplines have contributed an authentic and up-to-date perspective from a contemporary German point of view to the study of Germany, its recent history and its current political, social and economic reality.

Based on the success of the guest professorship program, DAAD wishes to encourage an even broader range of departments and universities to participate in the call for proposals and allocation of professorship positions. Backed by evidence of a growing commitment of American institutions of higher learning to enhance programs that build international partnerships and expertise, DAAD invites proposals from universities interested in hosting a highly qualified academic specialist from Germany for a period of up to five years.

Program Objectives

DAAD professorships will be geared toward the following objectives:

- Provide instruction on recent historical, political, social, economic, legal, and cultural developments in Germany/Germany in Europe; and
- Foster an international dimension in the curriculum of the discipline concerned by way of enhancing possibilities for student exchanges, staff mobility, joint curriculum development with universities in Germany, and joint scholarly projects.

Terms of Reference

DAAD will provide the following services:

- Augment the host university salary if necessary through payment of various allowances in accordance with the German Foreign Office Guidelines for German Academic Personnel on Teaching Assignments Abroad (there is an upper limit to the overall payment the DAAD Professor may receive calculated on academic rank, seniority, family status, etc.);
- Cover additional costs relating to the relocation of the DAAD Professor, home visits, certain insurances, reintegration fellowship;
- Assist with the recruitment of the DAAD Professor by advertising in the German media on the basis of a specific job profile provided by the host university, interviewing and ranking of candidates by a binational panel of distinguished scholars in the field concerned (the final choice of the candidate will rest with the host institution);
- Support of the DAAD Professor towards costs of international conference projects and activities and privileged access to any information relating to activities run and financed by DAAD or other publicly funded German organizations in the field.

The host university would be expected to commit to the following conditions:

- A financial contribution to the joint arrangement equal to an absolute minimum of 50 per cent of the regular salary of a constituent faculty member of comparable academic rank and seniority, and additional fringe benefits and access to regular research funds;
- Teaching responsibilities of the DAAD Professor, which must include graduate-level instruction, will complement/be integrated into existing programs and curricula relating to Germany and Europe;
- The DAAD Professor will be granted an academic status that accords with his/her academic qualifications and will be fully integrated into the university faculty, with any and all rights and obligations, except that he/she shall not be eligible for tenure;
- Provision of appropriate office space, and the technical and material requisites necessary for the fulfillment of the full range of the DAAD Professor's teaching and research obligations during the term of appointment;
- Facilitation of outreach to the regional academic and non-academic communities.
- The initial term of appointment will be for two years, with annual reviews and extension options thereafter for an overall maximum of five years.

Procedure

The proposal form to be used is included as Annex A to this document (“DAAD Professorship Questionnaire”).

Proposals must be mailed to the DAAD Regional Office for the United States and Canada in New York and be post-marked no later than June 30, 2010. In addition, proposals must be provided in electronic form by e-mail (thomanek@daad.org).

A panel of independent experts will review the proposals received and make recommendations for placement of the professorships. Any new appointments would begin with academic year 2011/2012, necessitating advertisement by late summer/early fall of 2010.

Decisions on the placement of professorships are expected to be reached by July 31, 2010.