

# Herzlich Willkommen!

## Opportunities in Germany for Summer 2010

**DAAD North America**



# What is DAAD?

- ▶ German national agency for international academic cooperation and exchange: Independent association of universities
- ▶ We provide scholarships, information, and counseling about studying and research in Germany
- ▶ All academic levels, all fields, varied lengths of stay
- ▶ Regional Office for the US and Canada in New York City



# Some Facts & Figures

- ▶ Annual budget: approximately €304 m / \$450 m (2008)
- ▶ > 57,000 people supported in 2008
- ▶ 1,733 from North America / 3,051 to North America with a budget of €23 m (2008)
- ▶ 14 regional offices, 49 information centers worldwide



# Why Germany?

“Germany is and has been the epicenter of European political and religious activity; so living there for the past year has given me intimate knowledge and appreciation for Europe’s deeply historical and cultural political dynamics.” (Joanne Buenaventura – University of Göttingen in 2008)

“I decided to go to Germany, the country that has the largest economy in Europe and arguably the most sophisticated social security system in the world .” (Erwin Dwi Saptura – University of Regensburg in 2009)



# German Higher Education

## Two main types of higher education institutions:

- ▶ **Research Universities:** undergraduate, professional and doctoral programs
- ▶ **Universities of Applied Sciences (*Fachhochschulen*):** practice-oriented Bachelor's and Master's programs

## And some outstanding research institutes outside universities:

Max Planck Institutes  
Helmholtz Research Centers  
Fraunhofer Institutes ...



# Recent Developments: Bologna Process

- ▶ The Bologna Process: Creating a European Higher Education Area
- ▶ Three-tier degree Structure: Bachelor, Master, PhD
- ▶ > 650 “International Degree Programs” taught in English
- ▶ More competition between institutions and more transparency about individual programs; rankings
- ▶ Introduction of (very modest) tuition fees

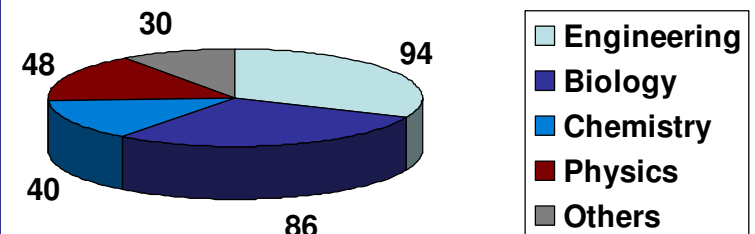


# RISE

- ▶ “Research Internships in Science and Engineering”
- ▶ 6-12 weeks in summer
- ▶ Web-based matching process
- ▶ Undergrads work directly with German doctoral students at top labs across country
- ▶ No German required
- ▶ Scholarships and housing assistance provided
- ▶ 364 interns placed in 2009



**Interns by disciplines, 2009**



# RISE *professional*

- ▶ For undergraduate DAAD alumni, or any recent graduates or graduate students.
- ▶ 6-12 week summer placements in industry internships with leading German companies.
- ▶ German requirements depend on the nature of the internship.
- ▶ Scholarships and housing assistance are provided.
- ▶ **NEW**: 2 week intensive language course for RISE and RISE *pro* participants with little or no German





## Summer Courses

- ▶ Summer courses at German Universities for juniors, seniors, and grad students
- ▶ Hundreds of courses to choose from
- ▶ Scholarships only for courses taught in German – 2 years minimum language requirement
- ▶ *Search Engine:* [www.daad.de/sommerkurse](http://www.daad.de/sommerkurse)

# EMGIP – Bundestag Internships

- ▶ Internships for 2 months at German parliament
- ▶ Advanced undergrads or graduate students
- ▶ Fields: political science, int'l relations, law, history, economics, or German.
- ▶ Must be comfortable in written and spoken German



# internXchange

- ▶ 11 week summer program in Berlin for journalism and communication undergrads and grad students
  - ▶ Seminar program at the Freie Universität Berlin
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  - ▶ Internship w/ a German newspaper, magazine, TV or radio station or a press/PR agency
- ▶ Good proficiency in German required
- ▶ Monthly stipend, travel subsidy & health insurance provided



# Intensive Language Courses

- ▶ Learn German for 8 weeks at top language institutes in Germany
- ▶ Any field except English, German, or other modern language or literature
- ▶ Must be a graduate student and have 3 semesters of college German



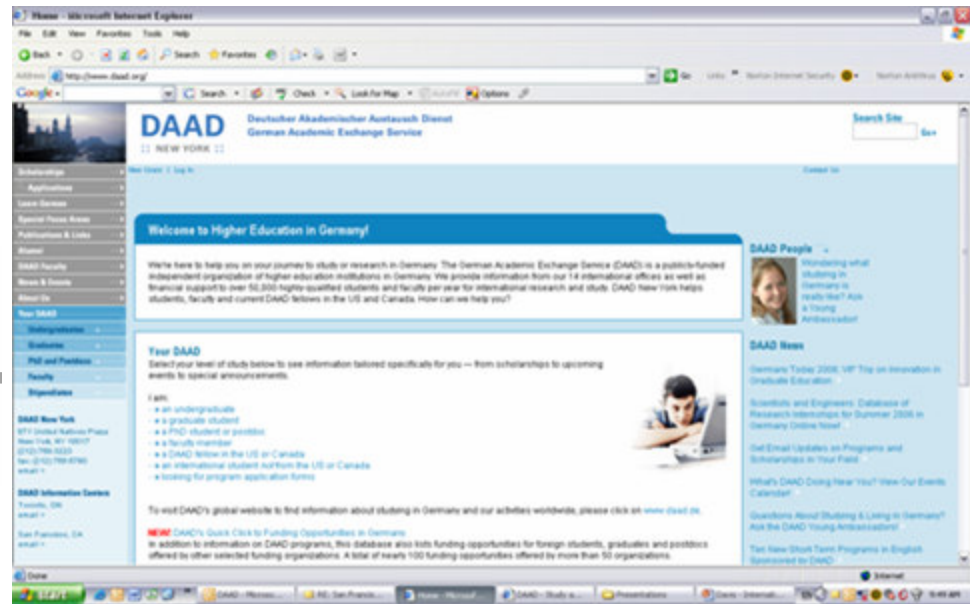
# Tips for Success

- ▶ Express why a stay in Germany is critical for your academic or professional goals.
- ▶ Explain clearly why you chose the location or program you did.
- ▶ Submit quality letters of recommendation.
- ▶ Make sure your application is on time and complete.



# For more information...

- ▶ Visit our website for the USA and Canada:  
**www.daad.org** →



- ▶ Other funding resources:  
[www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)  
[www.studyabroadfunding.org](http://www.studyabroadfunding.org)
- ▶ [www.germany.llEpassport.org](http://www.germany.llEpassport.org)
- ▶ [www.higher-education-compass.de](http://www.higher-education-compass.de)
- ▶ [www.daad.de/idp](http://www.daad.de/idp)



We hope to see you  
soon in Germany!

