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DAAD office hours over the holidays

The DAAD Information Center San Francisco will be closed from December 21 until and including January 1. If you have urgent matters to discuss, you can contact DAAD New York at daadny@daad.org and 212-758-3223. Please note that all DAAD North America offices will be closed December 24 and 25 as well as December 31 and January 1.

Warmest regards from San Francisco,

Hanni Geist

Ensuring that integration succeeds: DAAD's measures for refugees
In view of the growing number of refugees entering Germany, DAAD organized a conference with university representatives in Berlin at the end of September to determine current needs and necessary measures. DAAD has already implemented several measures which support refugees, for example last year’s Leadership for Syria scholarship program. They, along with the universities, receive ongoing support and consultation from the DAAD.

The latest set of measures for refugees builds on feedback from DAAD and complements its funding instruments. For instance, the DAAD Info Centre in Bonn, which fields questions and offers advice to interested parties, will be entrusted with further responsibilities. Im pleased that the DAAD is regarded as an expert organization, said DAAD President Professor Margret Winthermantel at the press conference, declaring that if any organization has experience with integrating foreign students, then its the DAAD.

Federal Minister of Education Professor Johanna Wanka underscored the value of the work of the DAAD. If integration is to truly succeed, then it shall happen largely through education, said Wanka and emphasized that the best possibility to implement the measures is to rely on the longstanding cooperation with the DAAD. This is evident in the three-part approach of the new set of measures which calls for recognizing the refugees skills and qualifications, ensuring that refugees possess the necessary academic qualifications, and supporting their long-term integration at the universities. For more details, click here.

**DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites undergraduate students of all disciplines to apply for scholarships funding study, senior thesis research and/or internships in Germany. Undergraduate Scholarships are available either as part of an organized study abroad program or as part of an individual, student-designed study abroad semester or year. The online application portal is now open.

The application deadline is January 31, 2016.

For additional information on this grant and how to apply, please visit: [www.daad.org/undergrad](http://www.daad.org/undergrad)

**DAAD RISE Internship**

DAAD is pleased to announce that it will offer its internship programs again in summer 2016: RISE (Research Internships in Science and Engineering) Germany, and RISE Professional. RISE has established itself as an outstanding opportunity to combine serious research with a rewarding study-abroad experience. Both programs
are targeted to students from the fields of engineering, physics, chemistry, biology, earth sciences (geology) and related disciplines.

RISE Germany provides undergraduates in the USA and Canada the opportunity to gain practical experience by matching them with PhD research projects in Germany. RISE Professional similarly places graduate students and above in German companies in STEM fields. Participants receive a DAAD scholarship to help cover living expenses and travel costs. The RISE website was recently revamped to provide up-to-date information for prospective applicants for each of the three programs.

Check out the new website here: https://www.daad.de/rise/en. The internship databases opened on December 1, 2015 and contain detailed information on all the opportunities for students in the summer of 2016.

Applications to RISE Germany are due January 15, 2016.

Applications to RISE Professional can be submitted up to January 31, 2016.

Germany - Ways to Success

DAAD Bonn has produced a new short film featuring portraits of six young people who pursued their university studies in Germany and have gone on to successful careers in Germany or their home country. The eight-minute long clip is in German with English or French subtitles and helps communicate the high level of teaching and the way science, economics and culture connect in Germany. This film is an excellent resource for anyone seeking to make the case how studies in Germany can help young people advance their life goals.

To watch this and other film, click here to go the Study in Germany You Tube channel.