What is DAAD?

- German national agency for international academic cooperation and exchange
- Independent association of universities
- DAAD provides:
  - Scholarships and grants
  - Information and counseling about studying & research in Germany
- Facts & Figures:
  - 70 Regional Offices and Information Centers worldwide
  - Regional Office for the US and Canada: New York City
  - Annual budget: ~ 450 mill. € / US $ 500 mill. in 2017
  - Almost 130,000 people supported annually
  - All academic levels, all fields, varied lengths of stay
Bologna Process

- Creating a European Higher Education Area
  - Three-tier degree Structure:
    - Bachelor
    - Master
    - PhD
  - 1200+ “International Degree Programs”
    - taught in English
  - More competition between institutions
  - More transparency about
    - individual programs
  - Rankings
Why Germany?

“Everyday I was surprised by how unique the German culture, traditions and landscapes were and I am so glad that I was able to spend almost one year in this country. I would recommend studying abroad in Germany to anyone.”

Colleen Grinham, Technische Universitaet Braunschweig, 2010/11

“Studying or working abroad pushes you to reconcile your old perspective with that of a new culture, making you a different person by the time you finish. I’m convinced that Germany has something to offer for everyone!”

Philipp Kotlab, Freie Universitaet Berlin, 2010/11

“Studying abroad in Germany for the past year has not only been a dream come true, but also one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.”

Ashley Hooper, Universitaet Leipzig, 2010/2011
Why Germany?

- 101 million people speak German worldwide
- Most widely-spoken language of the European Union
- Number of German pages in the internet takes second place after English-speaking pages
- Ranked 3rd worldwide for the number of books published
- More than 250,000 international students in Germany
- Largest economy in Europe & the 3rd largest in the world
- High academic standard & standard of living
Leader in Science & Technology

- Third only to the US, China and Japan in R&D spending and output
- 2.5% of GDP spent on R&D
- Strongest in physics, optics, polymer chemistry, automotive, environmental, nuclear and food engineering
- ...and don’t forget the humanities!
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
- **Outstanding research institutes** outside universities:
  - Max Planck Institutes
  - Helmholtz Research Centers
  - Fraunhofer Institutes
How to Select the Right Program or School

- Searchable database of all programs taught at German universities
  www.higher-education-compass.de

- Research Training Groups, Collaborative Research Centers, Graduate Schools and Research Clusters supported under the Excellence Initiative
  www.dfg.de

- For Bachelor and Master programs
- Program rankings from Center for Higher Education Development
  www.university-ranking.de

- General information about study and research in Germany
  www.study-in.de
  www.research-in-germany.de
### Example of CHE Ranking

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*Note: The image shows a table with rankings for various universities.*
DAAD Scholarships

- Funding for study abroad, internships or senior thesis research
- Open to students in all fields
- Previous knowledge of German not required, but advantageous
- Monthly stipend or lump sum
- Health Insurance
- Some travel reimbursement
- All-Grantees meeting in Bonn
Opportunities for Study & Research in Germany

- Undergraduates -

Programs and Scholarships
Undergraduate Scholarship

- Funding study, thesis research and/or internships
- Independently designed or organized programs
- For sophomore and juniors (second- and third-year students in Canada)
- All academic fields
- 4 to 10 months during the German academic year
- €650/monthly, insurance, travel stipend

**Deadline: January 31st**
Intensive Language Courses in Germany

- Eight-week intensive language courses at leading institutes in Germany
- Courses can be taken between June and January
- Requirements:
  - Full-time graduate students in any field of study except German Studies, German Language & Literature, and German Translation & Interpretation
  - Applicants must have completed 3 semesters of college or university level German or have achieved an equivalent level of language proficiency

- Terms of Award:
  - Scholarship: €2,300; includes tuition, accommodation and a cash allowance, health insurance, travel costs

**Deadline: December 1st**
University Summer Course Grant

- Summer courses taught in German at German Universities
- For juniors, seniors and grad students
- 2 years minimum language requirement
- Focus on literary, cultural, political and economic aspects
- Hundreds of courses to choose from
- 3 to 4 weeks
- $850 scholarship: tuition, room and board, health insurance, travel reimbursement

**Deadline: December 1st**
EMGIP – Bundestag Internship

- Internships for 2 months at German parliament
- Advanced undergrads or graduate students
- Fields: political science, international relations, law, history, economics, or German.
- Must be comfortable in written and spoken German
- Monthly salary from German Bundestag
- DAAD can help with health insurance and housing

Deadline: September 15th
RISE - Research Internships in Science and Engineering

- 8-12 weeks in summer
- Web-based matching process
- Undergrads work directly with German doctoral students at top labs across country
- Knowledge of German is not required
- Scholarships and housing assistance provided
- 314 interns placed in 2013
- **Deadline: December 15th**
Opportunities for Study & Research in Germany

- Graduates -

Programs and Scholarships
Study Scholarship for Graduates

- Support for one or two years of study in Germany
- Can be used to earn a Master’s degree at a German university
- German language ability should be commensurate with needs
- Final-year undergrads may apply
- 60 awarded annually
- € 750 /month; insurance; travel stipend

*Deadline: November 4th*
Study Scholarship for Artists & Musicians

- Fields: fine art, design, film, music, choreography and architecture
- Graduates, PhD candidates, postdocs
- Support for one or two years of study in Germany
- €750 - €1,000 /monthly, health insurance, travel reimbursement
- **Deadline: October 31st**
Research Grants

- 1 to 10 months with the possibility of an extension
- For PhD candidates and postdocs, must have well-defined research project
- Can also be used to complete PhD in Germany
- Around 30 short term (< 6 mo.) and 60 long-term awarded annually
- Invitation by host institution essential
- Monthly support of ~ €1,000; travel stipend; insurance

**Deadlines:**

- November 4th (10-month and short-term grants)
- May 1st, (short-term grants)
RISE Professional

- For undergraduate DAAD alumni, recent graduates or graduate students
- 6-26 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
- 2 week intensive language course for RISE and RISE pro participants with little or no German
- €250/monthly for graduates, €500/monthly for PhD students + €500/monthly from host company
- Health insurance, travel reimbursement

Deadline: December 15th
RISE Worldwide

- Researchers in science & engineering are invited to host German RISE interns coming to North America
  - Gaining assistance with experimental work
  - Stimulating scientific discussion
  - Making new contacts with German universities
  - Internationalization of academic formation
  - Establish and improve international standing

- Deadline for projects submitted by researchers: October 15th
- Deadline for student applications: December 15th
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**Deadline: December 1st**
Partner Grants and other Opportunities

- DAAD-AICGS Summer Research Fellowship: contemp. German Studies
- Leo Baeck Institute-DAAD Grant: history/culture German-speaking Jewry
- German Studies Research Grants
- Fulbright: teaching or study/research
- Bundestag Internship Program
- Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange
- Erasmus Mundus: Master’s Degrees
- Direct enrollment: other scholarships (FU-BEST)
Teach & Research in Germany

- Faculty -

Programs and Grants
Short-term Lectureship

For North American Universities to host German guest lecturers

Requirements:
- Selecting a highly qualified scholar
- Extending an invitation to her/him
- Developing the course curriculum prior to applying for support

Terms of Award:
- Shared financial support
- Honorarium of US/CAN $2,200
- Office facilities with necessary equipment
- Assistance with housing
- DAAD will supplement living expenses
- Available for periods of one to six months
- Applications must be received 10 weeks prior to a committee meeting

Program committee convenes four times a year (Feb., May, Sept., Dec.)
Visiting Professorship

- For North American guest lecturers to be hosted at German universities
- Requirements:
  - Highly qualified scholars in all academic disciplines
  - Preference: Doctoral / terminal degree
  - Invitation from a German host institution
  - Teach courses integrated into their regular curriculum
- Terms of Award:
  - The German host institution receives the DAAD funding
  - Visiting professors are paid by their hosts according to German salary scales
  - Additional allowances for travel, luggage, health insurance
  - Funding is available for periods from one semester to two years
- Deadlines:
  - July 15th (for Sommersemester, March – July)
  - January 15th (for Wintersemester, Oct – Feb)
Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

- Funding for research in all academic disciplines, incl. performing and visual arts
- Universities, libraries, archives, institutes or labs in Germany
- Period from one to three months
- Requirements:
  - PhD holders or equivalent, working in research or teaching full-time for at least two years after receipt of the doctorate
  - Permanent residents of the US or Canada
  - Adequate knowledge of German
- Terms of Award:
  - For research projects, cannot be used for travel only
  - €2,000 to €2,150 monthly, some travel reimbursement for project-related travelling within Germany

Deadlines: May 15th & October 15th
Group Study Visit

- Financial support for academic information visits to Germany for groups of students

- Requirements:
  - Group of 10 to 15 students plus one accompanying faculty member
  - Trip for 7 to 12 days
  - Visit should be organized entirely by the home institution
  - Application: filed by a faculty member, including total budget, a detailed itinerary, specific information about relationship to the curriculum, application form

- Up to € 9,600, depending on size of group and length of stay.

**Deadlines:**
- **November 1st** (for trips between March 1 and June 1 of the following year)
- **February 1st** (for trips between June 1 and September 1 of the same year)
- **May 1st** (for trips no earlier than September 1 of the same year)
Other Programs for Faculty

- Conference Funding in German Studies
- DAAD-Cornell University – Summer Seminar in German Studies 2014
- Germany Today – Information visit
- Co-operative Research Grants
- Learn German in Germany – Intensive Language Courses
- DAAD-AICGS Research Fellowship Program
- DAAD Science Tour – Information visit
Tips for success

- Express why a stay in Germany is critical for your academic or professional goals
- Obtain a letter of invitation from a German professor or institution
- 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
- Visit our website **www.daad.org**
- General information about study and research in Germany
  - **www.study-in.de**
  - **www.research-in-germany.de**
- Other funding resources:
  - **www.funding-guide.de**
  - **www.higher-education-compass.de**
We hope to see you soon in Germany!