Pursue a Graduate Degree in Germany
Webinar – February 12th, 2019

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Agenda

- Why Germany?
- General Information
- Types of Higher Education Institutions
- Research Institutions
- Living Expenses I Accomodation I Funding
Why Germany? Because Germany...

- ...has high academic and living standards at a reasonable cost
- ...offers an outstanding study and research infrastructure
- ...is home to more than 300,000 international university students
- ...Germany offers 1900+ International Programs
- ...German degrees internationally recognized

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Pursuing a Graduate Degree in Germany

- Good to know:

• A Bachelor’s degree enables you to enroll in a Master’s program
• At most universities is not possible to enroll in a PhD program with only a Bachelor’s degree.
• For a PhD program, you must already have completed a Master’s degree (in most cases).
• Universities usually require that your Bachelor’s degree is in a similar field (i.e. your major) as the Master’s program you are interested in, the so-called “field of studies requirement”.
• In some cases, universities also require work experience as part of the application process.
What degree can you earn in Germany?

- **Bachelor’s** (B.A., B.Sc., Bachelor of Engineering, etc.) – 3-4 years
- **Master’s** (M.A., M.Sc., Master of Engineering, etc.) – 1-2 years
- **State examination** (for medicine, law, teaching or pharmacy)
- **Doctorate (PhD)**
  - Independent PhD – time to complete PhD varies
  - Graduate School – 3 years
### Types of Higher Education Institutions

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<td>Universities &amp; Technical Universities (BA, MA, PhD, Staatsexamen, Habilitation)</td>
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<td>Fachhochschulen [Universities of Applied Sciences &amp; Universities of Applied Economics] (BA, MA, few offer PhD)</td>
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<td>Music, Art- and Film Higher Education Institutions (BA, MA, PhD)</td>
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~ 400 universities
Research & Funding Institutions

- More than 1,000 publicly funded research institutions
- Research expenditures: 90 bn euros = 2.98% GDP
- 652,000 people in the R&D sector
- Bilateral, European and multilateral cooperation with more than 155 countries

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1. **First Step - Academic Requirements**
   - BA/MA in same or similar field

2. **First Steps - German Language Requirements**
   - For English programs – often no German requirements
   - For German programs – TestDaF or DSH or Goethe-Certificate

3. **Next - Applying to Universities in Germany**
   - Check university website on how to apply (either directly or via [www.uni-assist.de](http://www.uni-assist.de))

4. **Finally - Costs Associated with Studying in Germany**
   - Public universities – no tuition fees (except for special programs)
   - International Student Fees for non-EU citizens – only in Baden-Wuerttemberg (as of Feb 2019)
Databases & Links

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

- Searchable database of all programs taught at German universities
  http://www.wegweiser-duales-studium.de/duale-studiengaenge/

- International Graduate Schools
  www.daad.de/international-programmes

- For Bachelor and Master programs
  Program rankings from Center for Higher Education Development

- General information about study and research in Germany
  www.study-in.de
  www.research-in-germany.org

- Research Institutions Database
  http://www.gerit.org/de/
Studying/Living in Germany: Costs

- Tuition-free programs at public universities*
- Semester fee: about €150-300/semester – often includes public transportation pass
- Average costs of living €700-1000/month
- Student discounts, e.g.:
  - Health care
  - University cafeteria
  - Museums, theatres, sights

Least expensive cities:

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<td>Ilmenau</td>
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<td>Erfurt</td>
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<td>Weimar</td>
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<td>Neu-Ulm</td>
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*Baden-Württemberg charges 1,500 € for international students.

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Accommodation


DAAD Funding  www.daad.org | www.funding-guide.de

- Lump sum or monthly stipend
- Lump sum for international travel
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover
- Additional benefits may include: rent subsidy, monthly allowance for accompanying members of family

Study

Study Scholarship
 ► max. 2 years to pursue MA
 ► All fields I no German required

Summer Course Grant
 ► 3-4 week courses
 ► Humanities & Social Sciences
 ► Min.1 year German required

Research

RISE professional
 ► Internships for graduate students
 ► 10-12 weeks
 ► no German required

Research Grants
 ► Short & long-term
 ► All fields
 ► German not required

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Funding

Political Organizations
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
- Friedrich Naumann Stiftung
- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
- Heinrich Böll Stiftung
- Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

Other
- Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt
- Otto Benecke Stiftung e.V.
- Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes
- Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft
- Hans-Böckler-Stiftung

Religious Organizations
- Cusanuswerk
- Evangelischen Studienwerk e.V. Villigst
- Ernst-Ludwig-Ehrlich Studienwerk

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Bundesausbildungsförderungs-gesetz

- Eligible:
  - Germans
  - Foreigners with permanent resident status

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