

Herzlich Willkommen!

Study and Research in Germany: Scholarships & Information for Undergrad & Graduate Students

DAAD New York



What is DAAD?

- ▶ The world's largest agency for international academic cooperation and exchange
- ▶ 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: €300 m / \$420 m (2008)
- ▶ > 56,000 people supported each year
- ▶ 1,371 from North America / 2,616 to North America with a budget of €23 m (2007)
- ▶ 14 regional offices, 46 information centers worldwide



Why Germany?

“My host university was filled with **students of all nationalities and origins.**”

- Gerhard Schneibel



“I had the **opportunity to travel around Germany and other parts of Europe**, making friends with RISE students, other foreigners and Germans.

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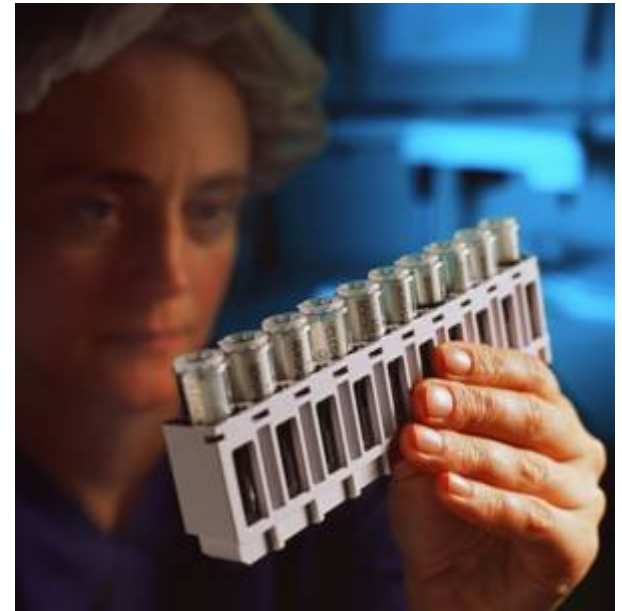
“I deepened my knowledge of this amazing country that’s such an **important player in world economics.**”

- Rachel Proulx, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
in Munich, 2007



A Leader in Science and Technology

- ▶ Second only to the US and Japan in R&D spending and output
- ▶ 2.5% of GDP spent on R&D
- ▶ 8.7% of articles in international scientific journals (SCI) /
US: 31.7%, Japan: 10.0%, UK: 8.6%
- ▶ Strongest in physics, optics, polymer chemistry, automotive, environmental, nuclear and food engineering
- ▶ ...and don't forget the humanities!



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 ...



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 (CHE)
 - ▶ www.university-ranking.de

Undergraduate Scholarships

- ▶ Funding for study abroad, internships, or senior thesis research
- ▶ Open to students in all fields
- ▶ Previous knowledge of German not required, but advantageous
- ▶ 4-10 months during the German academic year
- ▶ Around 60 awarded annually

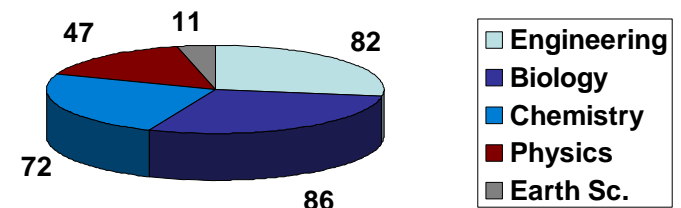


RISE

- ▶ “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
- ▶ 300 interns placed in 2008



Interns by disciplines, 2008

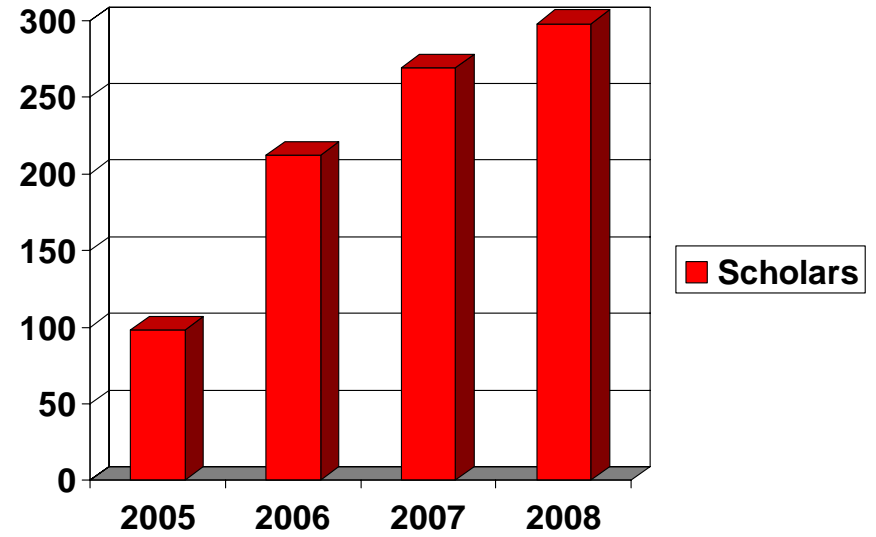
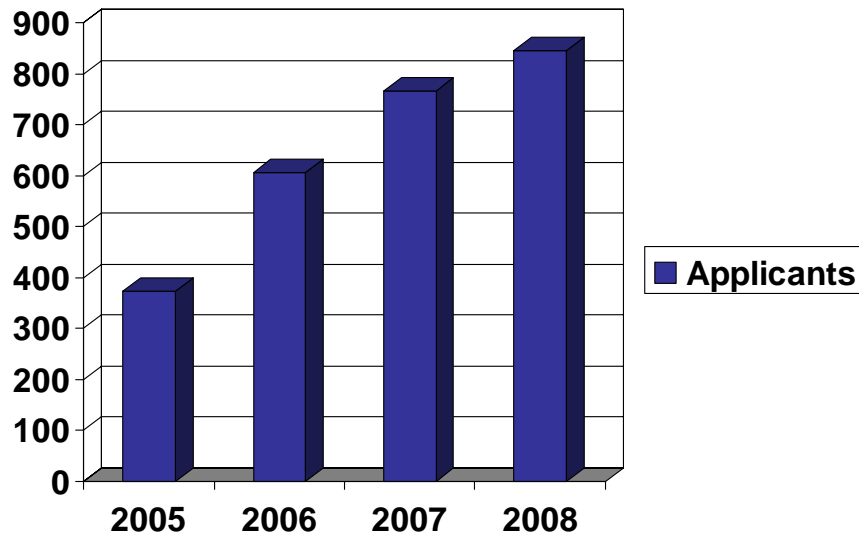


RISE *professional*

- ▶ 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

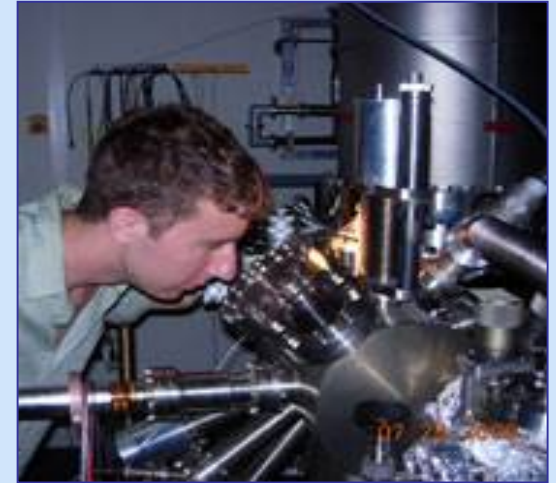


And Here's What Happened



Why RISE?

- ▶ “It was really encouraging to be a part of a large-scale research project, because I really felt like **something important and worthwhile.**”
 - Megan Klevze, TU Freiberg, Environmental Engineering
- ▶ “You’re probably asking yourself: Should I apply to the RISE program? **Yes, you should definitely apply to the RISE program.** I enjoyed my experience in and out of the lab.”
 - Stephen Brunner, U Hamburg, Physics



RISE in *North America*

- ▶ With the introduction of the bachelor/master system in Germany short term research internships are of special interest for German students
- ▶ RISE in *North America* provides scholarships for German students, enabling them to realize a research stay at a North American university
- ▶ The program structure corresponds with few exceptions (e.g. the mentor need not be a PhD student) to the present RISE program
- ▶ The website will open on November 10



Application deadlines

▶ RISE

Go to www.daad.de/rise Contact rise@daad.de
Applications accepted from **December 8 until January 31**

▶ RISE professional

Go to www.daad.de/rise-pro Contact rise-pro@daad.de
Applications accepted from **November 1 until January 25**

▶ RISE in North America

Go to www.daad.de/rise-northamerica
Contact rise-northamerica@daad.de
Project proposals accepted from **November 10 until January 4**



University Summer Course Grant

- ▶ 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

“Put Germany on your Resume”

- ▶ 15 new short-term programs taught in English
- ▶ Developed especially with the needs of US students in mind
- ▶ Business, engineering, music composition, architecture, life sciences and more...
- ▶ All received DAAD support and our “Quality Seal”



New Programs for Undergraduates

▶ **SIP: Study & Internship Program**

- ▶ 1 semester coursework at a university of applied science + 1 semester internship supervised by a U.A.S.
- ▶ For sophomores and juniors (at time of application)
- ▶ Language requirements depend on individual program

Study Scholarships for Graduates

- ▶ Support for one or two years of study in Germany
- ▶ Can be used to earn a Master's degree – some taught in English – at a German university
- ▶ German language ability should be commensurate with needs
- ▶ Final-year undergraduate students may apply
- ▶ 60 awarded annually



Research Grants

- ▶ 1 to 10 months (with the possibility of an extension)
- ▶ For PhD candidates and postdocs, must have well-defined research project (also to complete PhD in Germany)
- ▶ Around 30 short term (< 6 mo.) and 60 long-term awarded annually
- ▶ TIP: Invitation by host institution essential



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.



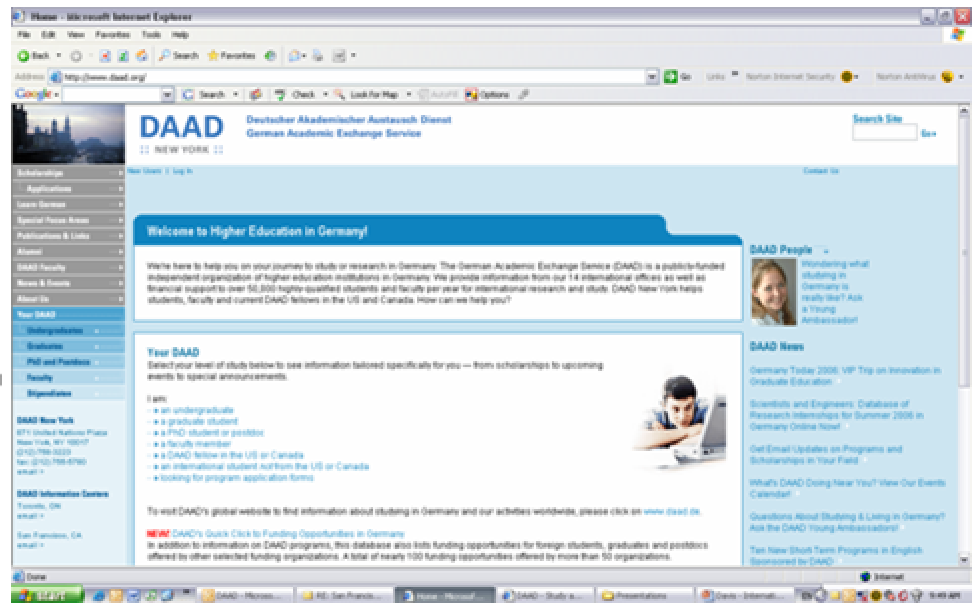
Intensive Language Courses

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



For more information...

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



- ▶ Other funding resources:
www.funding-guide.de
www.studyabroadfunding.org
- ▶ **www.germany.IIEpassport.org**
- ▶ **www.higher-education-compass.de**



We hope to see you
soon in Germany!

