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# STUDENT EXCHANGES AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH GERMAN UNIVERSITIES

**Opportunities for Canadian Higher Education Institutions** 

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#### What is DAAD?





Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst German Academic Exchange Service

- Independent organisation of German institutions of higher education
- Members: 238 universities and research institutes, 107 student bodies



- Headquarters in Bonn
- 15 regional offices and 56 information centres worldwide ->
   Toronto
- In 2016 more than 130,000 people were funded by DAAD grants and scholarships









The German Higher Education System and Funding Opportunities offered by DAAD



#### Higher Education in Germany

- Germany fourth most popular study destination worldwide
- 427 HEIs 148 authorized to confer doctorates
- 2.8 million students enrolled (2016/17), thereof ~ 360,000 international (~12%)
- Almost 26,000 international doctoral candidates
- 37% of German students study abroad



#### Institutions of higher education

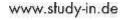
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- Universities
- Technical universities
- Universities of applied sciences
- Colleges of music, art and film
- Private colleges and academies











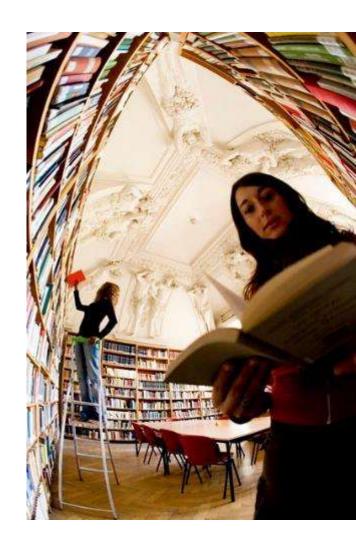
Study in Germany

Land of Ideas



#### **Universities**

- Total: 107
- Focus on methodical and theoretical knowledge
- Students may choose courses of interest, not all courses are prescribed
- Research-based final thesis
- Wide range of subjects
- Academic Year (Vorlesungszeit)
   Mid October Early February;
   Early April Mid July





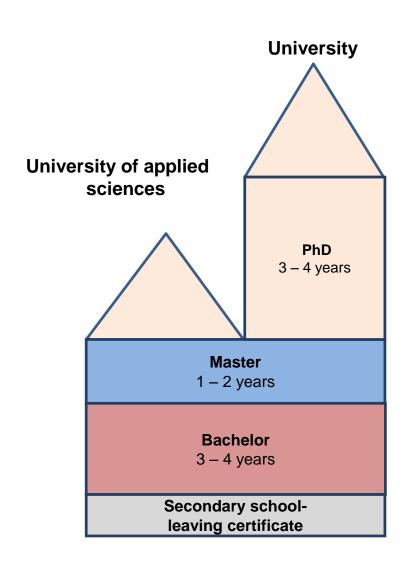
#### **Universities of Applied Sciences**

- Total: 216
- Highly praxis-oriented with close connection to the professional world
- Fixed course groups ("classes")
- Praxis-oriented final thesis
- Typical subjects: Engineering, Business Administration, Social Sciences, Design
- Academic Year (Vorlesungszeit)
   End of September Mid February;
   End of March Mid July





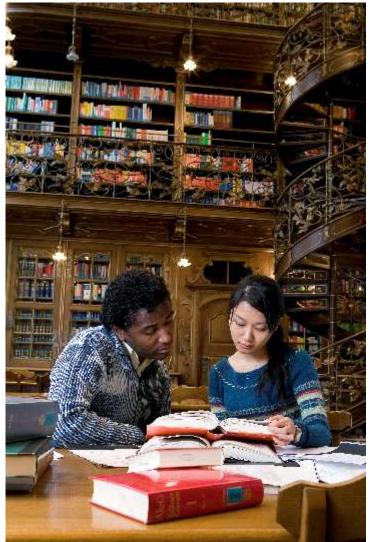
#### **Degree Programs**



- Bachelor's, master's, doctoral degrees
- State examination (certain subjects only)
- Traditional German degrees *Diplom, Magister* (sporadic)

#### German universities...

- offer more than 19,000 degree programs ...
- ... thereof 1,800 international programs taught in English (about 220 at undergraduate level)
- offer summer and language courses for international students
- are home to almost 360,000 international university students (12%)
- provide an excellent infrastructure to support exchange students











#### Practice-oriented learning

Most German HEIs offer access to local businesses, internship placements and career services.

10 German corporations are among the top 20 European innovation drivers.

#### **SIEMENS**





















#### **Student Exchanges with Germany**

#### **Hurdles**

- Academic year runs from Mid-October Mid February and Early April - Mid July (at most universities)
  - → Students could go for the summer term if they don't have exams
  - → many German universities offer international summer programs
- Most programs at the undergraduate level offered in German → some courses are offered in English, universities offer language courses
- More German students interested in coming to Canada than vice versa
  - → establish joint course modules with credit recognition or summer schools with German partners

### **Higher Education Compass**







- www.hochschulkompass.de/en
- Find degree programs at German universities by subject, language of instruction, institution, or other criteria
- More than 19,000 degree programs
- More than 1,800 international degree programs







### Funding Opportunities for Student Exchanges



#### **DAAD Scholarships and Grants**

- For scholars of all levels and disciplines
- Individual application
- Students and scholars at Canadian colleges can apply IF
  - Affiliated with BA program (3/4 years)
  - or transfer program
- Funding incl. living allowance, health insurance and in most cases travel allowance



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#### **Programs for Students**

- University Summer Course Grant/
   Intensive Language Course Grant
- Undergraduate Scholarship
- RISE Research Internships in Science & Engineering
- German Studies Research Grant
- Group Study Visit





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In Brief
Study visits in all disciplines

to facilitate engagement with modern Germany

Who?
Full time Faculty; 10 - 15

students + 1 faculty

**Duration?** 7 - 12 days (trip may be

longer)

**Value?** EUR 50/day p.p. towards

costs of accommodation &

board





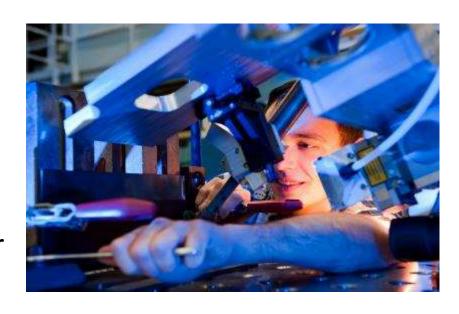
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#### RISE Worldwide (Mitacs Globalink)

- Research groups, labs or postdocs to host a DAADsponsored German research assistant during the summer semester
- Hosts working in the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, computer or earth sciences, or engineering
- 6 weeks to 3 months beginning
   June 1
- Project submissions one year in advance

#### **DAAD**



www.daad.de/rise-worldwide



# International Study and Training Partnerships

In Brief
Increasing internationalization by

funding German and foreign students

during a fully accredited study period

of one or two terms within a

partnership related to a specific field

Who? German universities

**Duration?** 2 years, extensions possible

Value? For German students: Mobility costs,

funds for language course and

tutorials; For Canadian students:

funds for language courses and

tutorials; For faculty: guest

lectureships at partner institution.

www.daad.de/isap (in German)







# Integrated International Double Degree Programs

In Brief Increasing universities' international

profiles by initiating international

degree programs awarding double

degree

Who?
German universities

**Duration?** Maximum of 8 years for the entire

project (1 year prep, 4 years program

with 3 year renewal possible)

Value? Up to € 110K for personnel and

material costs in planning phase,

scholarships for German students

during phases 2 and 3

www.daad.de/doppelabschlussprogramm

(in German)







## Bilateral Program for Cooperative Research Grants / PPP

In Brief
Program to intensify research

cooperation within the scope of a

concrete, joint research project in the

natural sciences or engineering

Who? German universities

**Duration?** Maximum of 2 years for the entire

project

**Value?** Up to EUR 15,000 funding p.a.

Research in Germany Land of Ideas

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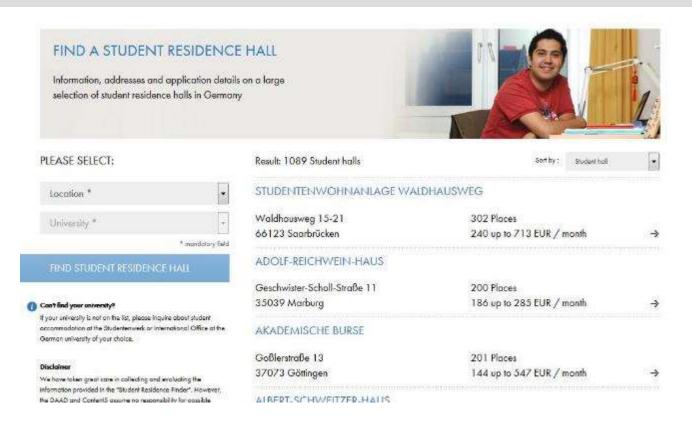


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#### Planning for the stay

- German Cities
- Language
- Student Stories
- Finding a Room
  - Health Insurance
- etc.

www.study-in.de



https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-stay/accommodation/dormitoryfinder/







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