Dear readers,

We are pleased to introduce our new newsletter and we hope that you find the information here useful. In every issue, we will provide regular updates about our events and activities as well as information about the research community in Germany.

You are always welcome to stay in touch with the DAAD, be it as a young and promising student, a renowned and experienced researcher, or as one of our merited DAAD alumni in Singapore.

In this issue...
This issue will highlight both our recent and forthcoming activities and events. Additionally, we will provide information about study and research in Germany. We also spoke with Dr. Amylia Tan, who shares with us her experiences about doing her Doctorate in Germany.

We hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter. If you have any feedback or ideas regarding its content, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards
Claudia Finner & Secina Bornhöft

Team Information Centre Singapore
The director of the DAAD IC in Singapore is Claudia Finner, who joined the DAAD office in August 2014. She studied in Bonn and Tokyo. Besides majoring in Japanese, Korean, Economic studies and German as a Foreign language, she also holds a master in translation. Prior to her position in Singapore, Claudia has worked in Germany, Japan, South Korea, Poland and India.

Secina Bornhöft moved to Singapore in December 2013 and joined the DAAD IC Singapore as an information officer in April 2015. She has a Bachelor in Public Health and a Masters in Management for Health Services. She also attended Bournemouth & Poole College in South England and has gained international experience in Italy, Switzerland and Singapore.
Events Jan-Feb-Mar-April

January 19th | TUM Asia students awarded with DAAD scholarships
This year, the DAAD awarded 29 scholarships to outstanding Master students of the German Institute of Science and Technology – TUM Asia from various Master programs such as Aerospace Engineering, Industrial Chemistry, Integrated Circuit Design, Microelectronics and Transport & Logistics. TUM Asia is a subsidiary of the Technische Universität München (TUM) and the first German academic venture abroad. It also offers joint degree programmes with National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and has expanded to a total of two Bachelor and seven Master degree programmes in 2015.

February 26/27th | German Day at MOELC
On February 26 and 27, the Ministry of Education Language Centre organised its annual German Day. The DAAD Information Centre Singapore once again had the great pleasure of participating in this event. German language students from the MOELC presented about their exchange trip to Germany and entertained the audience with a theatre play on this year’s theme “Erfinder & Entdecker”. Following a presentation by the DAAD about Bachelor degree opportunities in Germany, students took part in a quiz where they capably demonstrated their knowledge about the country and its culture.

March 06th | Infoseminar Doing a Doctorate in Germany
The traditional individual path towards completing a doctorate remains the most common in Germany. In this case, a professor supervises a doctoral student, who works on his subject in consultation with the professor, but largely independently. At the information session “Doing a Doctorate in Germany” held on March 6 this year, participants had the opportunity to hear from three professors from the renowned TUM on doing a doctorate in their fields of research, namely inorganic chemistry, flights system dynamics and communications engineering. The session was jointly organised with TUM Asia. (Photos next page)
April 23rd | Scientific and Dinner Talk
The DAAD and TUM Asia jointly organised a scientific dinner talk titled “Functional Chemosensation: Implications for Nutrition, Health and Wellness” on April 23 this year. Senior Vice President of TUM Professor Thomas Hofmann was the distinguished speaker at the event, which was held at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore. Professor Hofmann, who also serves as the Chair of Food Chemistry and Molecular Sensors is an accomplished researcher and lecturer in the areas of functional chemosensation and its implications for nutrition, health and wellness. Industry experts and researchers enjoyed a meaningful evening, as they engaged in discussion about the future of the food nutrition industry, especially in research and development. The dinner talk aimed to foster closer ties between Germany and Singapore, as well as encourage the academic exchange of knowledge between the two countries.

May 13th | Infoseminar
“Research in Germany - Earning a Doctorate, Post-Doc” in collaboration with Fraunhofer Institute
DAAD organised an information seminar on “Research in Germany” at the Research TechnoPlaza at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) together with the Fraunhofer Institute. Professor Gerhard Grüber, in order to encourage those who aim to earn a doctorate in Germany, said: “Show initiative and be the driver.” Professor Wolfgang Müller-Wittig detailed the various career options available at the Fraunhofer Institute and also chatted with the guests at the network session. Dr. Amylia Ghani also talked about her doctorate experience in Germany while DAAD director Claudia Finner described the research landscape and talked about funding opportunities.

Be sure not to miss our upcoming information sessions in autumn! Stay updated by reading our quarterly newsletter.
Research in Germany

Science and research in Germany are characterised by an excellent infrastructure, a wide variety of disciplines, well-equipped research facilities and competent staff. Germany offers various forms of research locations: universities, non-university institutes, companies and institutions run by federal or state ("Länder") authorities. All in all, there are nearly 1,000 public and publicly funded institutions of science, research and development in Germany, plus research and development (R&D) centres run by companies.

In selected fields or regions, these industrial and academic institutions pool their research and development activities in networks and clusters to work more efficiently and to benefit from a higher level of knowledge. Also, cooperation at European as well as international level has become an essential dimension of sciences and humanities in Germany.

Research Funding

Germany places great emphasis on globally networked research cooperation. Many organisations support international researchers and academics: Today more than 32,000 are being supported with scholarships. Besides this, research funding in Germany has the goal of financing the development of new ideas and technologies. The range covers everything from basic research in natural sciences, new technologies to structural research funding at institutions of higher education.

Over 56,000 foreign researchers received financial support from German funding organisations and agencies in 2012. There are several funding databases where you can find funding programmes for international Graduates and PhD Students, Postdocs and Junior Researchers, Senior Researcher and Faculty by various funding organisations.

Scholarship database: www.funding-guide.de

Research funding programmes:
www.research-in-germany.de/funding

Job market for Junior researchers: https://www.academics.com/

Did you know?
Some 29,000 foreigners work as academic staff at German higher education institutions. German funding organisations support over 26,000 international graduates, postdoctoral researchers and senior scientists doing research in Germany. A large number of career opportunities are open to people who come to Germany after completing their doctorates, especially if they already have some years of research experience. Furthermore, the industry is also on the lookout for top international researchers to conduct applied research.


Doing a Doctorate in Germany - Interview with Dr. Amylia Ghani

Explore why Dr. Amylia Ghani says “Have faith and do it”!

Why did you decide to do a Doctorate in Germany?
I've always had a fascination with Germany, its culture and history. Being a chemist, it provided me with even more incentive as many of the great chemists were German and much of the technology we have today stemmed from Germany. I thought it would be a good idea to experience the education there to see how it differed from the education in Singapore. I was actually offered a PhD position after my masters at the TU-Munich. Having already spent eight months there and loving the lifestyle and the style of education, I decided to stay.

How would you describe the quality of doctoral studies in Germany?
I would say it is very research focused and very "hands on". You're not just reading about the research in theory but you're actually doing it with your own hands and observing first hand.

How did you like your Doctorate? Did it fulfill your expectations?
I enjoyed every bit of it, even the hard and difficult parts! I think it exceeded my expectations and gave me opportunities I could previously only dream about.

How will the Doctorate made in Germany help your career?
I think having any kind of international exposure would enrich anyone's CV instantly. It shows that you've had the courage to take up something completely new and are able to work outside your comfort zone. Also it shows that you're able to adapt to different working environments and different working culture.

What would your advise be to anyone thinking of applying for a scholarship?
Have faith and do it.

How were you coping with the German language?
I had previously done 2 years of German while I was in NUS for my undergraduate studies. That did help a little when I was out and had to buy bread from the bakery. But the language of instruction in the university for research especially is English. The research groups in the university are so diverse and multi-national that everyone speaks English. So there's nothing much to worry about the language barrier.

Besides from the research knowledge and personal enrichment, why would you encourage other students to go to Germany?
I think it is a good experience, fantastic lifestyle, excellent opportunities to travel and see Europe and work wise, it also opens the doors to other international opportunities since Germany has many international collaborators.

Which expectations did you have when you went to Germany and have they been met?
I expected an enriching experience and the opportunity to see the world, and I think I got what I wanted.
Green Talents - Experience Research in Germany

Take part in the Green Talents Competition, promote your research in Germany and gain exclusive access to its sustainable development hotspots.

Sustainable development means leading an environmentally friendly life in a way that conserves resources. This is essential to preserve our world for subsequent generations and particularly important in enabling our cities to overcome the challenges ahead. With its top innovation and research centres, Germany supports these efforts in particular by intensifying international cooperation among the bright young minds of tomorrow.

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has held the prestigious "Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development" since 2009 to promote the international exchange of innovative green ideas. The award, under the patronage of Minister Professor Johanna Wanka, honours 25 young researchers each year. The winners come from numerous countries and scientific disciplines and are recognised for their outstanding achievements in making our societies more sustainable. Selected by a high-ranking jury of German experts the award-winners are granted unique access to the country’s research elite.

In the 2015 Green Talents competition and in view of 2015 being the “City of the Future” Science Year we would particularly welcome submissions relating to this topic. However, the competition is still open to all fields and offers equal chances to win. The 2015 award includes:

• An invitation to visit Germany in 2015 to participate in the fully funded two-week science forum. While touring Germany, the award-winners will have access to top science and research institutions that will offer unique insights into their work.

• A chance for the award-winners to present themselves and their work in person during individual appointments with experts of their choice (during the two-week science forum).

• A fully funded research stay of up to three months at an institution of the award-winner’s choice in 2016.

For more information please refer to the competition flyer on www.greentalents.de or watch the clip on http://greentalents.de/video-2015.php

Deadline for submission: 2 June 2015, 12 p.m. CET.
FEATURED COURSES

German Master’s degrees in Energy Engineering, Urban Development and Water Engineering at Technische Universität Berlin Campus El Gouna, Egypt

Technische Universität Berlin (TUB), Germany, established a satellite Campus in El Gouna to act as an academic hub and research center at the Red Sea in Egypt. TUB Campus El Gouna currently conducts three advanced Master’s degree programs in:

- Energy Engineering
- Urban Development
- Water Engineering

All two-year programs comprise 120 Credit Points (ECTS) and are taught in English. Students graduate with a full Master’s degree by Technische Universität Berlin. Next to their study time in El Gouna, they spend up to one year at TUB’s mother campus in Berlin.

Deadline for application: 31 May 2015

TUB Campus El Gouna was founded as a nonprofit Public-Private-Partnership between TU Berlin, Orascom Development Holding (ODH), and Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSD). Teaching and research are conducted by staff of Technische Universität Berlin and international experts under German regulations for higher education.

The exceptional location of TUB Campus El Gouna provides a state-of-the-art environment for studying and research, while serving as bridge for scientific and intercultural exchange between Europe, the MENA region, and worldwide.

For more information, please visit: www.campus-elgouna.tu-berlin.de and follow us on www.facebook.com/CampusElGouna

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Benefits

• 10 day intensive programme at Frankfurt School of Finance & Management.
• Lectures and tutorials led by experts.
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• Visits to financial institutions.
• Interaction between students from all over the world.
• Team-building and for those who are interested: sport events (like swimming).

Costs & Organisation

Date: 12.-25. July 2015
Credits: 5 ECTS
Costs: EUR 3,400 all-included-price – including company visits and cultural trips, accommodation in boarding houses, local transport and food. (Excl. flights)

Taught entirely in English, the Boot Camp attracts highly motivated students from Germany and other countries around the world. Spending a fortnight abroad will give you additional international exposure. And last but not least, you’ll benefit from Frankfurt School’s excellent connections to banks, financial institutions and consulting firms. Participants are expected to be fluent in English.

Learn more!

Contact us at: j.rosenkranz@fs.de
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Frankfurt School has one of the most research-active economics faculties in the German speaking region. With its practical and research-based orientation it regularly achieves top positions in rankings.

Programmes fully taught in English:

**Bachelor’s Programme Majors**
- Banking & Finance (BSc)
- International Management (BSc)

Here you can watch a movie about our undergraduate programme: [http://www.frankfurt-school.de/content/en/education_programmes/bachelor.html](http://www.frankfurt-school.de/content/en/education_programmes/bachelor.html)

**Master’s Programmes**
- Master of Finance (MSc)
- Master in Management (MSc)
- Master of International Business (MA)

**MBAs**
- The Frankfurt MBA (MBA)
- International Healthcare Management (MBA)

Executive MBA (EMBA) [http://www.frankfurt-school.de/content/en/education_programmes/mba/emba.html](http://www.frankfurt-school.de/content/en/education_programmes/mba/emba.html)

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