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Dear Friends and Alumni of DAAD Thailand!

Free Education for Everyone?

Germany is running a university system without tuition fees, opening universities to students from all over the world. Economists do confirm that it actually makes sense.

There is no such thing as a free lunch, so how can there be a free higher education system? In fact somebody has to cover the costs: university buildings need to be maintained, professors, lecturers, administrators and caretakers want to be paid, books must be bought and electricity is not for free either. On average, every student in Germany costs about 450'000 THB per year. Some subject areas like Law, Business or Languages are relatively cheap, because they require little infrastructure, but Natural Sciences or Medicine can cost more than one million Baht per student per year.

Education is an investment

Public spending in higher education is expensive, but it creates an excellent return on investment both for the student and for the public. Graduates earn more money, they produce a higher share of our GDP, pay more taxes, are less likely to be unemployed, live longer and healthier. Economists estimate that money invested in higher education yields an annual return of nearly ten per cent. But of course universities are more than just an investment: they drive innovation and entrepreneurship; the universities in Berlin alone initiate nearly 100 start-ups per year with more than 3000 employees.

Even foreigners don't pay fees

Most countries charge higher tuition fees for foreign students because these foreign graduates might just return to their home countries with the

benefit. We all know, there is more to academic life than purely economic value. In times of tight public budgets and austerity measures in Europe, the ministry for education and research initiated a study to find out how expensive foreign students actually are for the taxpayer. The surprising finding was that in fact they pay for themselves.

Foreign students re-finance themselves

Students spend their money in Germany, pay VAT and create jobs at the universities. Many students pick up a part-time job and work during their studies or even for a few years after graduation. Right now we probably break even with public spending and tax revenue created by foreign students.

Students bringing change by exchange

Foreign guests broaden our perspective, foreign researchers make our labs more successful, and foreign exchange opens opportunities for our own students. More than a third of all German students study abroad at some point in their career. They come back with international experience and expertise. When our former guest students return to their home countries, they usually convey a very positive image of Germany as their former host country. Some of them act as goodwill ambassadors and mediators between our cultures – and that's definitely worth losing out on tuition fees once in a while.

With best regards!

Yours Georg Verweyen,
Director of the DAAD IC Bangkok

Recommended Weblinks**DAAD Press Section**www.daad.de/presse/en/**Letter - Magazin für DAAD Alumni**www.daad-magazin.de/letter.html**Alumniportal Deutschland**www.alumniportal-deutschland.org**Study in Germany**<https://www.study-in.de/en/>**Research in Germany**<http://www.research-in-germany.org/en>**Facts about Germany**<https://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/en>**Closing Dates 2016**

DAAD Information Center Bangkok will be closed during the following Thai and German public holidays:

October 3, 24

December 5, 12

*From December 25 to
January 1, 2017*

Celebration of the German Unity Day

To celebrate the 26th anniversary of the German reunification, German ambassador Peter Prügel and his wife Lucia Costantini Prügel invited honored guests from the fields of politics, culture, business and science. The festivity took place in the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Bangkok on 4th October. In his speech the ambassador Peter Prügel praised the successful relationship between Germany and Thailand for many years. He also underlined the important role of university projects and exchanging students as a part of Thai-German bilateral cooperation. We, as the DAAD Team, are sincerely thankful for the invitation and enjoyed the pleasant evening very much.



The German Ambassador, Peter Prügel with the DAAD Team

Study & Research in Germany

Monthly presentations in Thai language will be held **at 6 p.m.** at the Goethe-Saal of the Thai German Cultural Foundation as follows:

Tuesday, October 18

Thursday, November 17

Thursday, December 15

No need to register. For more information visit our website:

www.daad.or.th

MUIC Exchange and Study Abroad Fair 2016

We also kindly invite you to visit our information booth at the Mahidol University International College „Exchange and Study Abroad Fair 2016“.

The fair will take place on **10 November 2016, 9am to 3pm.**

Wissenschaft weltoffen 2016

Facts and Figures on the International Nature of Studies and Research in Germany

DAAD and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research presented the report ‘Wissenschaft weltoffen 2016’, the most profound data collection on international mobility of the German higher education system. The results are clear: **Germany is still becoming increasingly attractive to international students and researchers.** More than 320.000 international students and more than 85.000 international scientists learn and work at German universities and research institutions. 18.500 of them are directly funded by DAAD.

Prof. Dr. Margret Wintermantel, the president of DAAD, gives several reasons for this pleasant outcome. Firstly, she emphasizes the strong and effective cooperation of the German institutions, including DAAD itself, the federal ministries of Germany and the German Rectors’ Conference (HRK). Furthermore, she underlines the important

role of transnational university cooperation. More than 80 German cooperation projects are financed by DAAD worldwide. In Thailand for instance, DAAD supports ‘[The Sirindhorn International Thai-German School of Engineering](#)’ (TGGS) at KMUTNB or the ‘[Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance](#)’ (CPG) at Thammasat university.

We hope, that the booming landscape for international science in Germany also attracts Thai students and academics. Our DAAD Team in Thailand will give you free consultation to carry out your studies and research in Germany. For detailed information on the report and for specific data collections, please take a look here:

www.wissenschaftweltoffen.de

Visit us at the
**OCSC International
Education Expo 2016**
12 – 13 November 2016
5th Floor Siam Paragon

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PhD in Germany

Would you like to do a PhD in Germany?

German higher education and research institutions are constantly on the lookout for qualified international doctoral candidates. In the DAAD database, you will find PhD positions specifically for foreign applicants.

PhDGermany - The Platform for Doctoral Positions and Research Opportunities in Germany

www.phdgermany.de



Scholarships by BGHS Bielefeld

For the Summer Term 2017, the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology is offering:

- up to two Visiting Fellowships for international doctoral researchers: [Call for Application](#)

- up to four Start-up scholarships to international MA graduates. They receive the opportunity to prepare a convincing proposal for a dissertation project: [Call for Application](#)

Deadline is on 15 January 2017. Funding is for projects in the fields of history, sociology, anthropology, or political science.

Scholarships for the best/Stipendien für die Besten I

Scholarships for Summer Courses at German Universities

The DAAD supports the best students in second and third year to participate in a four-week language course offered by German Universities in June/July/August 2017.

Who is eligible?

- ◆ Undergraduate students can apply during their second or third year. Students in Master programmes can only apply in their first year. The programme is open for students from all fields of studies.
- ◆ At the time of application students must prove German language proficiency on level B1. Applicants can take an OnDaF test organised by DAAD free of charge.

Scholarship

- ◆ One-off scholarship payment of 850 Euro plus travel allowance
- ◆ Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Please note: Course fees and accommodation expenses will be deducted from scholarship payments so that the grant holder is paid "only" the difference to the full amount of the scholarship

Application Deadline: 1. December 2016

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NB: You can still attend summer university courses at your own costs if you're not eligible or your application is not successful.

You can find scholarship details here: <http://goo.gl/Fdl2Z9>

A list of courses can be found here: <http://summerschools.de>

Make sure to tick "Courses that may also be attended by students holding a DAAD university summer course scholarship"

**Scholarships by
European Research
Council**

European Research Council (ERC) funding schemes are open to top researchers of any nationality or age who wish to carry out their frontier research in the 28 EU Member States or associated countries.

For more information, please take a look [here](#).

**Graduate School
Scholarship Pro-
gramme (GSSP)**

DAAD offers scholarships for more than 40 structured PhD programmes in Germany. Please check out the list with this year's selected programmes, [here](#).

Applications must be sent directly to the graduate school of your choice. The application periods and deadlines vary from programme to programme. Currently open applications are announced by DAAD [here](#).

You can gather more information about the application requirements and process in this [guideline](#).

Scholarships for the best/Stipendien für die Besten II

Last Call for DAAD Scholarships 2017/2018 funded by the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

Applications for PhD, PostDoc and Academics still open until 15 October

Applications for Artists on Graduate Level still open until 31 October

List of scholarship programmes:

[Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists](#)

[Study Visits for Academics – Artists and Architects](#)

[Re-invitation Programmes for Former DAAD Scholarship Holders](#)

[Doctoral Programmes in Germany \(1-3 years\)](#)

[Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Programmes "Sandwich Scheme" \(1-2 years\)](#)

[One-Year Grants \(7-10 months\)](#)

Application Deadline: 15 October 2016

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Fields of Fine Art, Design/Visual Communication and Film](#)

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Fields of Music](#)

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Field of the Performing Art](#)

Application Deadline: 31 October 2016

For detailed descriptions, please click on the particular programme you want to apply for. Find more scholarships available for students and researchers from Thailand, here:

www.funding-guide.de





UNILEAD 2017

DIES University Leadership and Management Training Programme

The joint event by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Carl of Ossietzky University Oldenburg aims to young higher education managers of universities worldwide at the age of 30 to 40. The training programme focuses on the key issues of 'Project Management', 'Financing and Investment' and 'Human Resource Management'. By individual and practice-oriented change projects, the young university leaders will gather a profound qualification to tackle their every-day-challenges.

The Programme is structured in 4 phases:

Online Phase 1 (01/2017 – 03/2017)

Presence Phase 1 at Oldenburg (12th March - 31st March 2017)

Online Phase 2 (04/2017 – 09/2017)

Presence Phase 2 at Oldenburg (3rd September -10th September 2017)

Deadline for application is **October, 26th, 2016 (23:59 CET)**. Applications are to submitted here: http://www.c3l.uni-oldenburg.de/unilead_2017.html

For successful applicants the course costs, travel costs and further expenses will be funded. For detailed description of the programme, the application procedure and requirements please see the official [call for applications](#).



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Advertisements by German Universities

Apply for LL.M. International Finance (for Asian Graduates) at the Institute for Law and Finance, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main!



Key facts

- LL.M. International Finance Degree is conferred by Goethe University Frankfurt
- For graduates holding a first degree in law, business or economics
- Program language is English
- From October to July the following year

Why study at ILF, Goethe University Frankfurt?

- Interdisciplinary curriculum with excellent law and business / finance courses
- Top lecturers consisting of leading professors from Goethe University and experts from the professional world
- Located in Frankfurt, the financial center of continental Europe
- Increased interaction with ILF international students via combined courses with them
- German and Advanced Business and Legal English language courses
- Exclusive and intensive intercultural and communications courses
- Organized student excursions (e.g. Basketball Game, Berlin, ECB, Germany Stock Exchange)

Tuition fees: € 16,000, Scholarships of €1,600 will be granted if applications received by 28 February each year

Application deadline

- ◆ 15 May each year: Countries where APS certificates are required (i.e. China, Mongolia and Vietnam)
- ◆ 1 July each year: All other Asian Countries

For more information, see www.ilf-frankfurt.de/LLM-International-Finance

or contact LLMint@ilf.uni-frankfurt.de



University of Applied Science Kempten (Germany): MBA International Business Management & Leadership

Our MBA programme helps you make a career stride either internationally or in one of Germany's world market leading companies.

Overview:

International EPAS accreditation by the European Foundation for Management Education (EFMD)

Full-time (one year)

Tracks: General Management, International Supply Chain Management, International Sales Management, Organisational Transformation

Language: English

International students share all classes with German students

Target group: Engineers and IT specialists

After graduation: degree holders obtain a one year work permit in Germany.

Start: March and September

Fees: € 16,900 (no scholarships available)



More information at <http://www.hochschule-kempten.de/weiterbildung/mba.html>

DAAD Activities in the past months I

From July to September DAAD Thailand took part in many events by higher education institutions and frequently provided information on study and research in Germany. Please take a look at some of our activities in the past months.



Banner of the 8th South-East Asian Summer School

July:

11th July: Participation in the "EU Erasmus plus Awards ceremony" at Westin Grande Hotel Sukhumvit, Bangkok

21st July: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at the Library of the Goethe-Institut Thailand

28th July: Information event on "Study and Research in Germany" at the 8th South-East Asian Summer School on Computational Logic in Rayong



EU Erasmus Plus Awardees and Representatives of the EU



DAAD Staff at the 8th South-East Asian Summer School

DAAD Activities in the past months II

August:

18th August: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at the Goethe Saal of the Thai-German Cultural Foundation

September:

1st September: Workshop "DAAD Portal: Step by Step" for this year's scholarship applicants, 10am-4pm at the DAAD Information Center

15th September: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at the Goethe Saal of the Thai-German Cultural Foundation



Our monthly presentation at the Goethe Saal, TDKS



Workshop at the DAAD Information Center

*We thank you for your invitations, support and interests!
If you also want DAAD to come by and provide information on study and research in Germany,
please feel free to contact us. We are glad to meet all of you!*