

DAAD Nairobi has a new digital Newsletter!

Letter from the Director

Dear Madam,

Dear Sir,

We are going through special, challenging months because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I trust we will all get through this season healthy.

As an international exchange organization, the DAAD thrives on mobility and cooperation. We hope that it will soon be possible again to physically engage, exchange, cooperate and collaborate with you. Until then, we have switched our services to digital formats. Many new DAAD programs and grants now include blended / online aspects and modules which we would like to keep you informed about on an ongoing basis.

The new digital newsletter format gives you an overview of developments and news in the DAAD, from the German university world and regional cooperation. We put together information for you on current calls for papers and applications, regional programs and projects, and educational policy issues.

We look forward to your feedback!

Best regards and stay healthy



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Dr. Kai Sicks becomes new Secretary General of the DAAD



The Executive Committee of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) on November 10th confirmed its proposal to appoint the former Head of the Department of International Affairs at University of Bonn as its new Secretary General. Dr. Kai Sicks is expected to take up his post as Secretary General of the DAAD in February 2021 from Dr Dorothea Rüländ.

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Germany still highly desirable as a study destination



The Federal Republic of Germany is one of the most popular countries in the world for international students: around 320,000 were registered at German higher education institutions in winter semester 2019/20. This puts Germany in fourth place ahead of France in the global ranking, directly below the traditional host countries – the USA, United Kingdom and Australia.

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International student mobility in Corona times



International student mobility has also been massively impacted by the effects of the corona pandemic. A DAAD survey indicates that around 80,000 international students had temporarily departed from Germany. Many higher education institutions did however adhere to their exchange programmes despite the corona crisis: According to DAAD President Professor Joybrato Mukherjee, “The corona pandemic has altered international students' mobility patterns on a global basis. Survey data show that Germany has apparently been able to further improve its good reputation among international students thanks to good pandemic management during the first corona wave in spring and summer. This is a good starting point from which we can in future convince even more talented young people of the benefits of our education system and thus connect them to our country. All those involved should collectively grasp this opportunity.”

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Information on the Corona Virus effect on DAAD



Information on effects on the work of the DAAD. The DAAD continues to follow the developments on the coronavirus and adapts its activities flexibly to changing situations.

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DAAD Calls for Proposals and Applications



DAAD tenders international centres for climate and health research

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is tendering a total of eight interdisciplinary “Global Centres” to tackle global challenges. Four centres are to be set up to conduct research into climate issues and another four for research into health and pandemic issues. The German Federal Foreign Office (AA) is providing funding of some EUR 22 million up until 2025 for the establishment of the centres.

The deadline for expression of interest is **19 November 2020**. More details [here](#)

University Summer Courses offered in Germany for Foreign Students and Graduates

This programme supports students and graduates to improve their knowledge of German (general language, special language) and their cultural knowledge of the country. The programme funds attendance of language and area studies courses as well as special language / terminology courses that are offered by state or state-recognised German universities and by affiliated language schools.

You can find out about course providers and programmes on the DAAD website under: www.daad.de/hsk-kursliste. The courses are taught exclusively in German.

Deadline: **01.12.2020** for summer courses in 2021

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New call for applications for Intake 2021/22: DAAD In-Country/ In-Region Scholarship Programmes

As part of the "In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme" DAAD offers scholarships for Masters and PhD studies to students in Sub-Saharan Africa region to study either in their home countries or another African country. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel. The individual scholarships for Masters and PhD studies are offered at selected host institutions the Sub-Saharan Africa region.

Deadline: **15.12.2020** for intake 2021 for the Eastern Africa Region

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Study in Germany - Virtual Fair on Online Studies



Virtual Fair on Online Studies

November 27, 2020



International exchange remains an important pillar for the world of tomorrow. Thus, Germany will continue to be an open country and welcome students from all over the world.

Currently, online communication plays an important role even at universities. So online degree courses with students from all over the world provide the opportunity to gain an international degree.

Visit the Virtual Fair on Online Studies and see what German universities have to offer.

The Virtual Fair takes place from 2pm to 6pm EAT. Register [here](#)