

Tender for "Go East Summer and Winter Schools 2014" at Foreign Universities in Central Eastern, Southeastern, Eastern Europe, and CIS

Goals of the Programme?

- ≡ Taking the initiative "Go East", the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) is encouraging more and more students from Germany to complete their academic studies in countries in Central-Eastern, South-Eastern, and Eastern Europe and CIS. The initiative of "Go East" includes the Programme "Go East Summer and Winter Schools", which promotes the participation of German students in summer and winter schools in these countries.
- ≡ The universities in these regions offer advanced training courses in various subjects every year during the summer and winter months.
- ≡ With the help of the Programme "Go East Summer and Winter Schools" the DAAD contributes to the internationalization of foreign universities, as well as their integration into the European education area.
- ≡ The Programme is financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

Who can apply for the Programme?

- ≡ **Foreign universities** in Central-Eastern, South-Eastern, Eastern Europe, and CIS (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Moldova, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary, Uzbekistan).

What can be promoted?

- ≡ **Summer and winter schools** that have various professional, country-specific, and linguistic emphasis organized by the foreign universities.
- ≡ **Summer schools** that have a **12 -21 day** duration period, and which take place from **mid-July until the end of September**.
- ≡ **Winter schools** that have a **12-21 day** duration period, and which take place from **February until mid-March**.

What do the summer or winter schools offer?

- ≡ The foreign universities are free to prepare their own programmes. In general, the summer or winter schools have a combination of lectures, presentations, visits to companies, language courses, and a cultural program. It is preferred that the university's staff including professors and administrators for example, from the international office, establish and maintain regular contact with the participants of the program.
- ≡ For their participation, the students receive a participation certificate and/or ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) points.

What is the application procedure?

- ≡ Foreign universities can apply for the promotion of their summer or winter schools. The funding decision will be made by an independent selection committee; with the consent of the committee the summer and winter schools will be announced to the German students on the DAAD's "Go-East" website (goeast.daad.de). Parallel to this, the DAAD will inform the German universities about the current tenders. The foreign universities should also set up their own website to advertise their summer and winter schools.

How are the summer or winter schools financed?

- ≡ The summer or winter schools chosen by the selection committee will not receive any direct financial contribution from the DAAD. However, they can charge a fee to the participants who receive a DAAD scholarship.

- ≡ The German participants must pay their participation fee either in cash or transfer it directly to the foreign university; this is done by mutual arrangement between the two parties. The participation fee can be used for the reimbursement of organizational and operational costs of the summer or winter schools (e.g.: fees, cultural programmes, board and lodging, rent, teaching materials, etc).

Documents to support the application

- ≡ The foreign universities applying for the promotion of their summer or winter schools are required to submit the following documents to the DAAD:

- a DAAD application form:
http://be.daad.de/imperia/md/content/goout/sommerschulen/bewerbungsformular_2014.doc
- a concept of the summer or winter school (max. 2 pages)
- a tentative programme.

Important!

While making an inquiry, please indicate the name and the location of the summer or winter school.

Submission Deadline for applications

- ≡ The deadline for applications is November 18th, 2013.

What are the selection criteria

- ≡ The main criteria for the selection process:
 - concept and programme of the summer or winter school,
 - topicality and relevance of the contents orientation,
 - results of evaluations (in successive applications).

What type of scholarship does the DAAD offer German students participating in this programme?

- ≡ The DAAD offers partial scholarships. A reasonable personal contribution for expenses is expected from the scholarship holders. The partial scholarships are composed of:
 - travel expenses (rates differ by country)
 - residence expenses. Participants attending a summer or winter school that have a duration period longer than 14 days will receive the accorded lump sum in full. Participants attending summer schools with a shorter period will receive only half of the sum.
 - A maximum amount of 650€ for reimbursement of participation expenses.

What is the application procedure for German students?

- ≡ The interested student is required to **apply both** to the foreign university for admission to a summer or winter school, and to the DAAD for a scholarship acquirement. The local organizers can also set their own application prerequisites.
- ≡ At the end of the application period, the foreign universities create, on the basis of the selection criteria, a ranking of applicants.
- ≡ The main prerequisite for participation in the "Go East" Programme is German citizenship (or equal rights to German citizens according to §8 par. 1 it. 2 and par. 2 of BAföG (Federal Law of Education Promotion))

Contact and further information

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