



Application guidelines

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) - in cooperation with science organizations in North America and Germany - is pleased to invite **undergraduate students from the US, Canada and the UK** in the fields of **biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences and engineering** to apply for a summer research internship in Germany. RISE summer placements take place with research groups at universities and top research institutions across Germany. The RISE interns are matched with a doctoral student whom they assist and who will also serve as their mentor. This program is funded by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany.

1. Program Mission

RISE placements provide students the opportunity to live and work in an international context, to strengthen their practical and theoretical skills, and to improve their (or begin learning!) German. Last but not least, the research internship should be a source of mutual cultural enrichment for both the interns and their hosts.

2. Requirements

To apply for a RISE placement for summer 2015 you must:

- be currently enrolled at a university/college in the United States, Canada or the UK as a full-time student in the field of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences or engineering (or a closely related field),
- be an undergraduate who will have completed at least 2 years of a degree program by the time of the placement (graduates and graduate students from US or Canada should refer to [RISE pro](#)),
- prove that you will be registered as an undergraduate at your university/college for the academic year 2015/2016 (i.e., that you will still have undergraduate status upon your return to your home university).

German language skills are not required for most positions but would be helpful to manage everyday life outside of the laboratory. The working language will generally be English.

3. Terms of Award

DAAD will provide a monthly scholarship of 650,- Euro for a period of 8-12 weeks (pro-rated depending on length of stay). The earliest possible start is May 18, 2015. Generally speaking the start dates in the internship offers are meant as a timeframe. They are somewhat flexible and would be determined between you and your PhD supervisor. Get in touch with the PhD student if you have questions about the dates. DAAD will also provide health insurance and accident and personal/private liability insurance and an allowance of 160,- Euro for travel within Germany. The host institution will assist the intern in finding reasonably-priced housing for the duration of the internship. The scholarship will not cover international travel costs.

4. Accompanying Activities

DAAD will organize a three-day meeting of RISE scholars in Heidelberg to offer an opportunity for discussion and networking and to meet representatives from major German companies.

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If you are interested in participating, **the first step for you is to register online between December 6, 2014 and January 15, 2015**. Registration **will enable you to access the internship offers** submitted by PhD students in Germany. You may **apply for up to three projects**. To **complete your application**, you will need to handle in the following **documents online**:

- your completed online application form
- full curriculum vitae/résumé
- up-to-date **official** university/college transcript(s)
- as a supplement to this transcript, a list of courses you will have completed by the time the internship begins
- a letter of reference from a senior academic in your field of study from the university you are enrolled at
- a cover letter in which you state your motivation to apply for this particular project (projects)
- a certificate of enrollment (*The certificate of enrollment has to be uploaded to your application by January 15th. Only in the case of a scholarship award you have to send us the hard copy with original stamp/signature from your students/register office via regular mail.*)

All applications have to be submitted by January 15, 2015 online! (Hawaiian Standard Time)

You will be notified at the beginning of March 2015 whether your application has been successful. Please note that we encourage participating PhD students to contact applicants by phone, via skype or email in order to discuss the application.

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Pre-departure handbook

Be well prepared for your stay and internship in Germany. Read the pre-departure handbook.

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Special information for UK students

Based on the fact that the British grading system differs from the one in North America, please find some explanation of marks and grades in Great Britain.

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