Let Dr. Merkel pay your next trip to Europe: Exchange Programs with Germany

Engineering Faculty Meeting
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Outline

• Where to get information

• Programs:
  – For Undergraduates and graduate students
  – Short term research visits
  – Longer-term stays and Guest Lecturer positions
  – International cooperation programs
Research in Europe: Euraxess

Portal to Research in Europe:
• Funding data bases
• Job databases
• Country information
• Local information: Visas, accommodation etc.

www.euraxess.eu
Grants for Research in Germany

Three major funding agencies:
- DAAD: funds everyone, from undergrads up
- DFG: (German NSF) PhD and up
- AvH: PhD and up
For Undergrads: DAAD RISE

Summer internships in science/engineering:

• Works both directions:
  – Send undergrads/grads to academia/industry
    Deadline: Jan 31
  – Host summer intern for 8-12 weeks
    Deadline: Nov 25

• Competitive program
• DAAD pays travel and stipend
• Final selection by DAAD

DAAD RISE
DAAD Research Grant

- For graduate students
- 1 to 10 months project
- German partner needed
- Works both directions

Deadline: twice per year
+ 4 months processing time!

www.funding-guide.de
Research Stays for Faculty

DAAD Research Visit Grant For Faculty
– Must be at least 2 years after PhD completion
– Short term funding (1-3 months, €1,990/mo++)
  www.daad.org/page/visitingprofessor

AvH Humboldt Research Fellowship
– Funding for researchers within 12 years of PhD
– 6-18 months in Germany (€2,250/mo++)
– Possible to divide into 3 visits of ≥3 months each
  http://www.humboldt-foundation.de
Visiting Professorship (DAAD)

- Longer stay with teaching requirement
- 1 to 4 semesters + travel
- Application by host institution (>9 mos before)

Short-Term Lectureship (Host German Lecturer)

- 4 weeks to 6 months
- Joint application
- US school provides honorarium ($2,200/mo) + office etc., DAAD provides additional stipend
More Prestigious Grants

DFG Mercator Visiting Professorship
- Highly qualified researchers
- Collaborative project with German host plus teaching duties
- Funding for 3-12 months
- Application through German host university

AvH Humboldt Research Award
- For foreign researchers in leading positions
- Highly competitive; by nomination only
- Up to 60,000 EUR for up to one year in Germany
- No age restrictions
Bilateral Cooperation

Initiation and Intensification of Bilateral Cooperation (DFG)
• Funds Bilateral Workshops, Trips Abroad and Guest Visits
• Application through German host university
• Funding covers travel expenses, maintenance expenses, event costs
• Max. 3 months for research visit; all activities, such as joint workshops, must take place within 12 months
  www.dfg.de/en/bilateral_cooperation/ (more info)

Bilateral Exchange of Academics and Scientists (DAAD)
• Support is available for a research or study stay within the scope of the bilateral exchange of academics and scientists
• Stays from 2 weeks to 3 months
• Sending side pays travel costs, receiving side pays subsistence costs
  www.funding-guide.de

Additional Programs by IB: www.internationales-buero.de
Many other opportunities

Fraunhofer, Max Planck, Helmholtz Institutes offer similar programs for cooperation with their members.

Other EU countries and even some states have similar programs:

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Conclusions

• Many opportunities
• Many specific
• Find a partner
• Apply early

Interested?

European Career Fair
Feb 23/24 at MIT