

German Study Programmes Abroad

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With its 'German Study Programmes Abroad' funding programme, the DAAD has been supporting Germany's higher education institutions since 2001 in their efforts to position themselves in the international education markets and to compete successfully there.

Initiatives, innovations, internationality are the aspects that make the 'German Study Programmes Abroad' into an attractive option. The DAAD has been able to fund more than 30 projects so far, in Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and, increasingly, also in the Middle East.

Much of the credit for the German universities' decision to venture into the international market must often go to the initiative of individual university teachers. However, this calls for more than just individual commitment and dedication. Long-standing cooperation and relations with partner universities also serve to ensure that German study programmes can be successfully established abroad. One of the goals of this programme is to build these new ventures on a solid foundation based on aspects of enterprise and business. Indeed, this DAAD funding programme has made it possible to try out a wide range of very different business and organisational models, ranging from the introduction of individual degree programmes via the establishment of whole faculties and all the way through to setting up independent universities abroad.

The funding provided by the DAAD, from the budget of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), is only seen as start-up funding for the German universities. After several years of development, the programme then aims to see the projects become financially self-sufficient, for example, by raising funds, by cooperating with partner universities, by charging tuition fees or by attracting investments from German or foreign industrial partners.

And Germany's universities also benefit themselves from having their own study programmes abroad. Because these open up opportunities for them to recruit highly-qualified Master's graduates or doctoral students. The conditions that these study programmes have to meet include the fact that they must build on curricula developed by the German side, that German or internationally recognised degrees are offered, and that the lead German university carries out regular quality control measures.

The partner universities abroad also profit from the creation of these German study opportunities. The new study programmes complement the local range of studies with high quality programmes and so contribute to raising the appeal of these universities. They also stimulate scientific research cooperation, which in turn enhances the partners' international renown and reputation.

The experience of recent years is encouraging and confirms that offering German study programmes abroad enhances the international competence and appeal of German science and research.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Hormuth', written in a cursive style.

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International Master's Programme in Biomedical Sciences (IMBS)

The IMBS is a 2-year Master's programme for postgraduates that aims to deliver a scientific understanding and a knowledge of biotechnological methods against a background of medical topics.

Project Content

► The International Master's Programme in Biomedical Sciences IMBS is a project for establishing a new degree programme at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) that will be initiated and supported by the University of Freiburg in cooperation with the UBA. The international degree programme is a 2-year innovative Master's programme for postgraduates and is followed by an optional doctoral programme. The teaching will be delivered through lectures, group work and seminars in the form of blended learning.

► This programme aims to provide selected students with a scientific understanding and a knowledge of biotechnological methods against a background of medical topics, and so create a solid foundation for biomedical research and development work. Under this programme, the aim is to give 15 to 25 students from the programme 3 months of training in Freiburg with seminar courses and internships in the form of block teaching. In the following year, 5 to 10 students will have an opportunity to produce their Master's thesis in one of the laboratories in Freiburg. In offering this degree programme at the 'Argentinian-German Institute for Biomedical

Sciences', which is itself based at the University Buenos Aires as a Centre of Excellence for Latin America, the aim is to establish long-term cooperation in teaching and research between Germany and Argentina.

Range of Studies

The International Master's Programme in Biomedical Sciences (IMBS) is intended for postgraduates from the field of biomedicine and lasts 4 semesters, including the Master's thesis.

The programme ends with the award of a Master of Science (MSc) degree, with the subsequent option of a doctoral programme.

Business Partners

Boehringer Ingelheim, Germany, and Boehringer Ingelheim, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and CellGenix Technologie Transfer GmbH, Freiburg, Germany

Accreditation

The degree programme has been approved by the UBA (University of Buenos Aires) and so has become legally operational. Additional accreditation is planned in 2008 together with the accreditation and evaluation agency CONEAU in Argentina.

Language of Instruction

English

Number of Students

2008	0
2009	15
2010	35
2011	45
2012	50
Fully operational	50

Tuition Fees

3,169 euros per semester



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