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Dear Friends of DAAD Thailand,

A few days ago, I've had the chance to visit the wonderful Kingdom of Thailand and participated in celebrations commemorating 60 years of DAAD in Thailand. To me this is a very special occasion, as I've spent five years of my life teaching as a DAAD-Lektorin at Chiang Mai University. Therefore academic exchange with Thailand is very close to my heart and I am glad to see the successful development that our common endeavour has taken.

During a celebratory lecture at Chulalongkorn University we talked a lot about the first DAAD-Lektor, Dr. Georg Heuser, who, in 1957, started teaching there. But I've also learned a lot from a very forward-looking head of the German section, Dr. Thanakon Kaewwipat, explaining the reform of curricula for German keeping up with developments. Globally the demand is shifting from generalist knowledge of German language and literature towards more specific applications of German language.

At DAAD we envision Thailand as an education hub for South East Asia, reaching out to the neighbouring CLMV countries, building networks in the region together with European partners. Thailand has a number of excellent universities to take the lead in their specific fields of

research. New opportunities for collaboration have been discussed in the field of regional studies, information technology and engineering to name just a few.

On Sunday the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Dr. Prajin Juntong addressed DAAD scholars and former Thai students in Germany at a reception commemorating 50 years of VTD alumni association and 60 years of DAAD. He underlined the utmost importance of education on the path towards Thailand 4.0. The development of study programmes in close cooperation with both the industry and top-level research is a key to have the highly skilled workforce needed within the framework of the fourth industrial revolution.

After 60 years of successful Thai-German partnership and friendship, DAAD is looking forward to fostering more common networks of excellent research and international exchange. This will be possible in a joint effort together with our partners like the Thailand Research Fund and regional organisations like SEAMEO or others.

Speaking for the German Academic Exchange Service, I do wish our countries a long and prosperous journey through academic collaboration!

Dorothea Rüländ

Closing Dates 2017

DAAD Information Centre Bangkok will be closed during the following Thai and German public holidays:

February 13

April 6, 13-14, 17

May 1, 10

July 10, 11, 28

August 14,

October 3, 13, 23, 26

December 5, 11

and from December 25, 2017 to January 2, 2018

Monthly presentation on
„Study and
Research in Germany“

DAAD Information Centre Bangkok holds monthly a presentation in Thai language on *Study and Research in Germany* on the 2nd or 3rd **Thursday from 6 —7.30 p.m. at Goethe-Saal** of the Thai-German Cultural Foundation.

Dates are as follows:

September 21

October 19

November 23 and

December 21

No need to register. For more information visit our website:

www.daad.or.th

DAAD Thailand celebrates its 60 years

His Excellency Peter Prügel, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Thailand invited Dr. Dorteia Rüländ Secretary-General of the German Academic Exchange Service and the five DAAD lecturers based in Thailand to his residency. During an informal dinner, a range of ideas was exchanged regarding the role of higher education in Thailand and the state of international exchange between Germany and the Kingdom. The Ambassador was accompanied by representatives of the cultural, the scientific and the commercial section demonstrating how deeply and widely academic collaboration is integrated in Thai-German partnership.

Recent developments at the universities where DAAD lecturers are based were discussed, liked projects going on at King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok, where the Thai German Graduate School of Engineering (TGGS) is offering Masters degrees in Engineering following academic programmes of one the best technical universities in Germany, the RWTH Aachen, or current changes in the focus of German studies across South East Asia. Another topic of discussion was the German-Thai Railway Partnership (GTRP) where universities join forces to handle the crosscutting challenges posed by modern day research and development in the railway sector.



German Embassy

General-Secretary visiting Thammasat University

The DAAD maintains a long-standing cooperation with Thammasat University, including support for German experts teaching at Thammasat, fellowships for researchers to facilitate Thai-German research projects and scholarships for students. In 2009 the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG) was established as an academic institute and think tank as well as a provider of advisory services and facilitator. Four universities are the backbone of the CPG: Thammasat University, Frankfurt University, Münster University, and Passau University.

Dr. Rüländ was cordially welcomed in fluent German by Asst. Prof. Dr. Prinya Thawarnarumitkul, Vice Rector for Administration and Sustainability. Prof. Prinya discussed current developments at Thai universities with his guest including the importance of the freedom thought and the role of critical thinking in creating a society who is able to achieve the vision of Thailand 4.0.



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Recommended Weblinks

DAAD Press Section

www.daad.de/presse/en/

Letter - Magazin für DAAD Alumni

www.daad-magazin.de/letter.html

Alumniportal Deutschland

www.alumniportal-deutschland.org

Study in Germany

<https://www.study-in.de/en/>

Research in Germany

<http://www.research-in-germany.org/en>

Facts about Germany

<https://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/en>

DAAD Scholarships

2017/2018

On our new website, we have summarized the DAAD scholarship programmes 2018/2019 for Thai students, doctoral candidates and researchers.

Follow the link to find out more:

[Overview of DAAD Scholarships for 2018/2019](#)

Research in Germany: Science Lecture III



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Prof. Hartung, Prof. Bundhit, Dr. Verweyen, Prof. Ampha, Mr. Zuchan, Dr. Rüländ, Prof. Kingkarn

The third and final Science Lecture for 2017 was held at Chulalongkorn University under the topic of 60 years of DAAD and German Studies at Chulalongkorn University. The history of German Language and Literature in Thailand is indeed closely interwoven with the history of DAAD in Thailand.

However, today we reach far beyond German studies at CU, there are many exchange programmes between Thai and German universities, doctoral candidates from Thailand do their research in Germany and a German professor currently holds a fellowship in the Faculty of Arts.

Dr. Rüländ was welcomed at the historic Mahachulalongkorn Building by Chulalongkorn University's President Prof. Bundhit Eua-arporn, who greeted about sixty participants and officially opened the lecture.



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Prof. Wilita, Dr. Rüländ, Dr. Thanakon, Mr. Zuchan, Dr. Streit, Prof Aratee, Prof. Chusri

Dr. Rüländ was invited for an informal dinner with colleagues from the German section at Chulalongkorn University. Afterwards an extraordinary meeting of the German section was held together with the Secretary-General. Concerns regarding the strategic re-positioning of German studies were discussed. DAAD and their lecturers sent to Thailand still play a crucial role in a subject that has diversified and professionalized remarkably during the past decades.

Alumni Forum

DAAD Thailand and Thai-German alumni association VTD hosted a celebratory alumni night at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok to commemorate 50 years of VTD and 60 years of DAAD in Thailand.

The event's topic was "Thailand 4.0 through the eyes of Germany Alumni" and we were very honoured to have the Deputy Prime Minister Prajin Juntong opening the event together with Dr. Rüländ from DAAD, ACM Tares from NBTC, HE MR. Prügel from the German Embassy and AM Wirod from VTD.

After many discussions on the way forward for Thailand 4.0 and the importance of higher education along the way, Dr. Rüländ seized the opportunity to ask students from neighbouring countries on stage to receive their scholarship certificates. These young scholars are supported by DAAD to study at selected centres of excellence in Thailand. Congratulations to all of them and thank you for making it such a memorable evening!



Dr. Rüländ, ACM Tares, Deputy Prime Minister Prajin, HE Mr. Prügel, AM Wirod



Dr. Rüländ and Dr. Verweyen amidst third-country scholarship holders studying in Thailand



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Funding Programmes
for
DAAD Alumni
in SEA and Thailand

Our alumni programmes provide ongoing support to former DAAD scholarship holders and offer them various funding opportunities within the global DAAD alumni network.

[Scientific Literature Programme](#)

[Small Equipment Programme](#)

[Material Resources Programme](#)

[Re-Invitation Programme](#)

[Alumni Events](#)

We would be very happy, if you stay in touch with us.

 [facebook.com/DAAD.Thailand](https://www.facebook.com/DAAD.Thailand)
„DAAD Alumni Thailand“

Scholarships for the best/Stipendien für die Besten I

Call for applications!

Scholarships for Summer Courses at German Universities

The DAAD supports the best university students in second and third year to participate in a four-week language course offered by German Universities in June/July/August 2018.

Who is eligible?

- Undergraduate students can apply during their second or third year. Students in Master programmes can only apply in their first year. The programme is open for students from all fields of studies.
- At the time of application students must prove German language proficiency on level B1. Applicants can take an OnSet-Deutsch exam organized by DAAD free of charge.

Scholarship

- One-off scholarship payment of 850 € plus 650 € of travel allowance
- Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Please note: Course fees and accommodation expenses will be deducted from scholarship payments so that the grant holder is paid “only” the difference to the full amount of the scholarship

Please apply before 1. December 2017

You can find scholarship details here: <http://daad.or.th/HSK-E>

A list of courses can be found here: <http://summerschools.de>

Make sure to tick "Courses that may also be attended by students holding a DAAD university summer course scholarship"



If you are not eligible or your application is not successful, you can still attend summer university courses at your own costs

Easy steps to prepare yourself for study in Germany

These ten video clips will easily explain step by step what you need to know and what needs to be done before studying in Germany.

Study in Germany is not complicated as it sounds. Let's get started!

[Step 1: Find programme and university](#)

[Step 2: Meet the requirements](#)

[Step 3: Finance your studies](#)

[Step 4: Apply for your programme](#)

[Step 5: Enter and stay in Germany](#)

[Step 6: Find accommodation](#)

[Step 7: Get help](#)

[Step 8: Enrol at your university](#)

[Step 9: Take care of formalities](#)

[Step 10: Organise your studies](#)

More video clips on topic „Study in Germany“, please visit

www.youtube.com/user/DAADBonn

Scholarships for the best/Stipendien für die Besten II

Last Call for DAAD Scholarships 2018/2019 funded by the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

List of scholarship programmes:

Application Deadline: 15 October 2017

[Doctoral Programmes in Germany \(1-3 years\)](#)

[Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Programmes “Sandwich Scheme” \(1-2 years\)](#)

[One-Year Grants \(7-10 months\)](#)

[Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists \(1-3 months\)](#)

[Study Visits for Academics – Artists and Architects \(1-3 months\)](#)

[Re-invitation Programmes for Former DAAD Scholarship Holders \(1-3 months\)](#)

Application Deadline: 30 September 2017

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Field of Architecture](#)

Application Deadline: 31 October 2017

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Field of Music](#)

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Field of the Performing Art](#)

Application Deadline: 30 November 2017

[Study Scholarships for Graduates in the Fields of Fine Art, Design/Visual Communication and Film](#)

For detailed descriptions of each scholarship programme, please click on the particular programme you want to apply for.

Find more scholarships available for students and researchers from Thailand here: www.funding-guide.de

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Doing a doctorate in Germany

The German doctorate has one of the best reputations worldwide with more than 4,000 international graduates completing their doctorate in Germany every year. Structured PhD programmes frequently have a strong international focus with English being the team language.

There are two models to choose from when pursuing a PhD in Germany. You can choose either the traditional, individual route, or you may prefer the structured doctoral programmes. **The traditional PhD model** continues to be the most popular choice where you choose your research topic and write your thesis under the supervision of a professor. **Structured doctoral programmes** are similar to programmes in English-speaking countries where a team of supervisors look after a group of doctoral students. There is a fixed curriculum within which they work toward their doctorate and write their dissertation.

Find more information on this topic at www.research-in-germany.org



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Guidelines

One of the most significant conditions to get accepted by a supervisor or in a doctoral programme is **to have a very good and convincing research proposal**.

For DAAD research scholarship applicants and those who would like to do your doctorate in Germany, in this newsletter, we have prepared the questions to help you with writing your research proposal/exposé.

How to write a research exposé?

In a research exposé, you define the goals of your research work, reflect upon the theoretical and methodical procedure and you describe the individual steps.

The objective

- What is the content of your research project?
- Which steps are planned?
- How do you plan your work schedule?

The structure

The description (approx. 3 – 10 pages) should provide information about the following:

1 The research field in general and the current state of research literature:

- What is the current level of research?
- Which theories/work of other scientists do you refer to?
- Discussion of the theoretical framework or model
- What is your research question?

2 Key research questions (hypotheses), research objectives and the scientific relevance of your project:

- What do you intend finding out?
- What goals are you pursuing with your project?

3 Research strategies/methods:

- How do you intend answering the research questions?
- How do you want to collect data (document analyses, quantitative or qualitative survey, experiment, etc.)?
- Which scientific literature will you use?
- How will you evaluate results?
- What is your schedule?
- What preparation have you already done or intend doing before funding begins?

4 Ethical issues/anticipated difficulties collecting data

5 Provisional schedule (in tabular form)

- How much time do you need for the individual research phases (before, during and, if applicable, after the scholarship period)?

6 Research bibliography

- List of books and essays upon which your work is based.

DAAD Thailand Activities in the past months

From June 2017, DAAD Thailand regularly provided information on study and research in Germany. Apart from our routine information sessions, we also were invited to give talks at universities and schools. Here some of our activities in the past months. If you or your institution are interested in information events, please let us know. We are very pleased to come to see you!

15th June: Monthly presentation on “Study and Research in Germany” at Goethe Saal, Sathorn 1

4th July: Participation as speaker in International Grant Proposal Writing Workshop, Khon Kaen University

20th July: Monthly presentation on “Study and Research in Germany” at Goethe Saal, Sathorn 1

16th August: Participation as speaker in TGGGS Student Orientation Day in the academic year 2017, at King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok

17th August: Information event on “How to apply for DAAD-Scholarships” at Goethe Saal, Sathorn 1

9th September: Information Event in Speed-Dating at Library of Goethe-Institut Thailand



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11 – 12 November 2017
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