



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

**Strengthening Student Mobility to Germany:
Information Tour for Study Abroad Advisors
at Canadian Universities
May 5 – May 10, 2019**

DAAD invites staff involved in study abroad advising at Canadian universities to take part in an information tour to German post-secondary institutions in May 2019.

This tour is designed to provide participants with a deeper knowledge of the German higher education system, opportunities open to international students at its institutions and best practices regarding student exchange and mobility. This tour is intended as a response to the fact that while Germany is identified by many Canadian students as an attractive study abroad destination (#4 most popular), the actual number choosing to carry out study, research or an internship stay there remains low. It is our hope that the information presented during this tour can contribute to the lowering of the barriers which impede Canadian student mobility to Germany.

The tour program will include:

- An overview of Germany's higher education system including its different institution-types and how these differ from one another
- Visits to institutions which integrate internships into study programs including universities of applied science and "dual track universities" (*Duale Hochschule*)
- Information on resources available for international students on German campuses to facilitate their integration into academic and everyday life in Germany
- Insight into the factors which contribute to Germany's outbound mobility success
- An interactive session on best practices in student mobility featuring contributions from both German and Canadian participants
- Details on funding opportunities facilitating student mobility open to both students and faculty by German funding organizations (DAAD, DFG – German Research Foundation).

The group will initially be based at DAAD headquarters in Bonn, before moving on to Stuttgart (Baden-Württemberg) and then Munich (Bavaria) where the tour will conclude.

The program will be in English. Program-related costs in Germany (accommodation, domestic travel, most meals) will be covered by DAAD. The program officially starts in Bonn in late afternoon of Sunday, May 5th with a welcome dinner and will continue through to midday on Friday, May 10th in Munich. Intercontinental travel is at the participant's expense.

Participants in this tour will ideally be staff in the international or study abroad offices of Canadian universities who have a responsibility for student advising and/or the administration of mobility opportunities with German partner institutions.

Applicants must have Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status.

Applications – ideally as a one-page pdf document – must be received by Friday, February 15, 2019. These are to be submitted to DAAD Information Centre Toronto by email at: daadca@daad.org.

Applications should include:

- information on the applicant's current position and responsibilities as these relate to this tour;
- why participation in this tour would be useful to the individual and his/her home institution;
- whether the applicant would be willing to contribute a case study to the session on best practices in student mobility (these need not necessarily involve mobility to Germany) *and, if so*, share details of the creative and/or innovative practice(s) or approach(es) which would be presented.