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# CAREER BOOSTER GERMANY

CAREER DAY: STUDYING AND WORKING IN GERMANY  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

## PROGRAM

Workshops and Information Fair

**GOETHE  
INSTITUT**

10am-4pm

**Information booths**  
of participating universities and organizations

**Workshops and talks**  
about universities, scholarships, internships,  
exchange programs, work  
and research opportunities in Germany

## WORKSHOPS

### Career Oriented German Universities

Students interested in practice-based education, company and industry relationships and learning how to apply academic knowledge to real-life problems should attend the workshop. If you are interested in entering the job market right after graduation instead of pursuing a career in academia / research, universities of applied sciences might be a better fit for you. In this session we will highlight the University of Applied Sciences model using examples from Hochschule Fresenius's portfolio.

*Fresenius University of Applied Sciences*

**Interesting for:** High school, undergraduate and graduate students

### Funding to Study or Research in Germany

This presentation will give an overview of the various ways in which DAAD provides undergraduate or graduate students with funding to study or conduct research in Germany.

*German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)*

**Interesting for:** Undergraduate and graduate students

### German is Cool with It: Combining German with Other Majors

How can college students pursue German studies along with other academic interests? What combinations of majors and minors are possible? This presentation describes how combining German with one or more other academic discipline enhances the college experience and benefits students after graduation. You will get tips on how to organize plans of study and possible combinations of German with other disciplines as well as with pre-professional fields. The presentation includes examples of former German students from Virginia Tech whose combination majors shaped their post-graduate plans and career choice.

*Virginia Tech German Program*

**Interesting for:** High school and college students

### German Lebenslauf and Job Interviews: Do's and Don'ts

The Representative of German Industry and Trade (RGIT) communicates the interests of German business on behalf of its principals, the Federation of German Industries (BDI) and the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK). We will discuss commonalities and differences with the American resume, as well as offering tips and tricks for mastering the interview process.

*Representative of German Industry and Trade*

**Interesting for:** Undergraduate and graduate students

### Getting an ENGR-GERM Double Degree at UMD

Getting an ENGR-GERM Dual Degree at UMD offers high school students an inside look into the advantages of combining a STEM degree with their pursuit of German at A1 research university in the United States. Current ENGR-GERM majors will speak about their academic experiences in the program at UMD, their experiences studying abroad at a technical university in Germany, and their experiences completing an internship with an Engineering company in Germany.

*University of Maryland Department of Germanic Studies*

**Interesting for:** High school students

## Graduate Studies in Germany

Universities in Germany offer a variety of Master and PhD programs, of which many are taught in English. They cover a lot of disciplines and innovative topics. A German Master's degree is respected by employers around the world. It can be your path to a successful career and a Ph.D. The presentation offers helpful information on the requirements and the application process as well as on resources to assist in preparing for graduate studies in Germany. The workshop will also showcase some unique and innovative Master and PhD programs at several top-ranked German universities.

*Heidelberg University Association, Freie Universität Berlin and LMU München*

**Interesting for:** Undergraduate and graduate students

## International Summer Programs in Germany

Put Germany on your summer schedule! Summer programs are a top destination and a smart way to gain international experience in an academic setting. This session will introduce various options for summer study in Germany: German language classes, research internships, and subject courses to name just a few. In addition: Summer programs offer the chance to explore Europe and to meet people from all over the world.

*Heidelberg University Association*

**Interesting for:** Undergraduate and graduate students

## Living and Working in Germany: Virtual Workshop

This workshop will take place via skype. It will provide information about the German labour market, the professions currently in demand, obtaining a Visa, the recognition of degrees, the salary, the insurance system and our support

*Federal Employment Agency, International and Specialized Services (ZAV)*

**Interesting for:** All students interested in studying and working in Germany

## Preparatory and Fast Track Programs to your Study in Germany

Come to study in Germany with a fast-track preparatory course that guarantees you a spot in a Bachelor's program! In this workshop, you will learn about the different paths to undergraduate study in Germany and their requirements. We will focus on the regular track "Studienkolleg" in the first part, and introduce a new fast-track option in the second part. The fast-track "Studienstart International plus" includes an individual schedule for each student, German language courses, selected courses from your chosen degree program, excursions, a Buddy program, and a seamless transition to your subsequent study towards a Bachelor's degree.

*University of Cologne*

**Interesting for:** High school students with German language skills who are interested in pursuing a Bachelor's degree program in Germany

## Research in Germany: From Fluency to Fellowships

From Fluency to Fellowships: The German Chancellor Fellowship" underscores the value that learning German today can bring to fellowships and life abroad in Germany. Information will be provided on the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's German Chancellor Fellowship, an opportunity for recent university graduates to spend one year in Germany pursuing a project of social significance in any field. The presentation also touches on how knowledge of German will enhance one's experience abroad as a fellow and in general. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A. Please note that this presentation is geared toward current undergraduates and young professionals.

*American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*

**Interesting for:** Undergraduate and graduate Students

## Study Bridge Germany

"Studienbrücke Deutschland" is a program that is designed to provide linguistic and subject-matter-specific preparation for studying in Germany to students in their junior year of high school, who demonstrate knowledge of German at the A1 level and have outstanding achievements in STEM subjects. Each year, German partner universities make a certain number of places available for Studienbrücke participants. They provide the new students with comprehensive support both at the start of and during their studies. Students who successfully complete the preparatory program can apply directly to one of the universities.

*Goethe-Institut*

**Interesting for:** High school sophomores and juniors interested in studying in Germany

## Studying Engineering in Germany

Germany is known for its excellence in engineering. Find out about academic programs and internships in engineering for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students. This session will also cover funding and career opportunities. We will provide hands-on guidance to help participants identify the right program.

*University Alliance Ruhr*

**Interesting for:** High school, undergraduate and graduate students

## Study in Germany for Business Majors

This session will give you an overview of business study opportunities in Germany with an international focus at different types of higher education institutions; e.g. as German universities are state-funded, there are very low tuition fees. Your chance to invest in an excellent education – and your future – without paying a fortune.

*University of Cologne*

**Interesting for:** Undergraduate students in business and/or economics, interested in international Master programs with focus in leadership

## Successfully Applying in Germany: Virtual Workshop

This workshop will take place via skype. It will provide information on how to go about successfully applying for a job in Germany. We talk about the application letter and process, the CV/resume and the job interview.

*Federal Employment Agency, International and Specialized Services (ZAV)*

**Interesting for:** All students interested in studying and working in Germany

## Undergraduate Studies in Germany

Learn about earning a Bachelor's degree in Germany. This session will provide information about the requirements and the application process and you will get useful tips on how to find the right university and program. We will also cover questions regarding housing and student life.

*Freie Universität Berlin, LMU München*

**Interesting for:** High school students

## INFORMATION TABLES ONLY

### BMW Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University

The Georgetown University M.A. in German and European Studies program, housed in the Walsh School of Foreign Service, is a 2-year interdisciplinary course of study involving coursework in cultural studies, history, economics, and political science. Students have the opportunity to design their own study concentration and can access an active alumni network and other professional connections and opportunities.

### Deutsche Welle

Deutsche Welle (DW) is Germany's international broadcaster and a trusted source for reliable news and information with content in 30 languages. The flagship channel DW provides analysis and insights to viewers around the globe, reporting on important issues in English 24/7. With continuous news reports, special features and talk shows covering everything from business, science and politics to culture and sports, DW brings people closer to what matters most – made in Germany, made for minds.

### German Embassy Washington

The German Embassy in Washington D.C. is the official representation of the Federal Government of Germany in the United States. Our Visa, Passport and Legal Section provides services for US residents and German citizens within the Embassy's area of consular jurisdiction: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Other departments at the embassy are in constant dialogue with U.S. governmental and non-governmental institutions in the political, economic and cultural field.

## PANEL DISCUSSION: How German(y) Boosted my Career!

### Nicole Johnson

Office and Communications Manager and Assistant to the Executive Director, Heinrich Böll Foundation North America

Nicole Johnson is currently the Office and Communications Manager and Assistant to the Executive Director for the Heinrich Böll Foundation North America. Prior to this role, she managed marketing and office operations for a German-American engineering consulting firm focused on sustainability. Nicole also has experience in transatlantic relations, including internships with the Heinrich Böll Foundation North America, the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and the US Embassy in Bern, Switzerland. Nicole holds an MA in German and European Studies from Georgetown University, for which she conducted archival research in Berlin. Nicole also holds a BA in Peace, War, and Defense and German Literature and Culture from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and she received highest honors for her undergraduate thesis defended in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literature. During her undergraduate studies, Nicole completed an academic exchange year at the University of Konstanz in Germany and was a German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Young Ambassador.

### Heather Painter

Legislative Assistant to Congressman Conor Lamb

Heather Painter currently serves as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Conor Lamb, who represents Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional district. She covers education and workforce development, immigration, guns, small business, oversight and government reform, and technology policy. After graduating summa cum laude from Washington & Jefferson College with a B.A. in German, English, and Political Science, she joined Teach For America, where she taught art and third grade at KIPP Delta in rural Arkansas. She went on to the State Department-sponsored Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) fellowship in Munich, Germany thereafter, where she worked at the Center for Applied Policy research. She also held a Fulbright combined grant to Vienna, Austria, where she taught English as a foreign language and conducted education policy research. She aspires to learn all she can in a lifetime and to ensure all students have this opportunity too.

### Alexandra Hoenscheid

Program Coordinator, American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Alexandra Hoenscheid joined American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation as Program Coordinator in July 2016. She was previously employed by the Virginia Governor's German Academy, of which she is also an alumna. She has worked at Fairfield Technologies and interned with Habitat for Humanity and with the State Department in Frankfurt. Alexandra graduated summa cum laude from the University of Mary Washington with a BS in International Business and a minor in Business German. From 2014 to 2015, she spent a year studying Economics at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Alexandra began learning German in her elementary school's German immersion program and continues to maintain a high level of German proficiency.

# SCHEDULE

TIME	CLASSROOM 1 BERLIN	CLASSROOM 2 MÜNCHEN	CLASSROOM 3 HAMBURG	CLASSROOM 4 WEIMAR
09:30-10:00am	High School Students Arrive			
10:00-10:20am FORUM	Opening of Career Day and Introduction of Partners			
10:30-11:00am	<b>Preparatory and Fast Track Programs to Your Study in Germany</b> University of Cologne	<b>German is Cool with it: Combining German with Other Majors</b> Virginia Tech German Program	<b>Undergraduate Studies in Germany</b> Freie Universität Berlin, LMU München	<b>Living and Working in Germany: Virtual Workshop</b> Federal Employment Agency – International and Specialized Services
11:00-11:30am FORUM	Students Visit Information Tables			
11:30-12:00pm	<b>Getting an ENGR-GERM Double Degree at UMD</b> University of Maryland Department of Germanic Studies	<b>Study Bridge: A Direct Path to Studying in Germany</b> Goethe-Institut	<b>Engineering Programs in Germany</b> University Alliance Ruhr	<b>Successfully Applying in Germany: Virtual Workshop</b> Federal Employment Agency – International and Specialized Services
12:00-12:45pm FORUM	Panel Discussion: How German/y Boosted my Career!			
12:45-1:30	Lunch Provided for all Students High School Students Depart / College Students Arrive			
1:30-2:00pm	<b>German Lebenslauf and Job Interviews: Do's and Don'ts</b> Representative of German Industry and Trade (RGIT)	<b>International Summer Programs in Germany</b> Heidelberg University	<b>Research in Germany: From Fluency to Fellowships</b> American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation	<b>Study in Germany for Business Majors</b> University of Cologne
2:00-2:30pm FORUM	Students Visit Information Tables			
2:30-3:00pm	<b>Engineering Programs in Germany</b> University Alliance Ruhr	<b>Graduate Studies in Germany</b> Heidelberg University, LMU München, Freie Universität Berlin	<b>Funding Opportunities to Study or Research in Germany</b> German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	<b>Career Oriented German Universities</b> Fresenius University of Applied Sciences
3:00-04:00pm FORUM	Networking Opportunity with Partners / Visit Information Tables			