

# Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)

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The DAAD is a joint organisation of Germany's higher education institutions and is responsible for promoting international academic cooperation, primarily by arranging the worldwide exchange of undergraduate and graduate students, academics and researchers. It runs 62 regional offices and information centres worldwide.

## **DAAD's main objectives include:**

- encouraging outstanding young students and academics from abroad to come to Germany for study or research visits,
- qualifying young German researchers and professionals at the very best institutions around the world,
- promoting the internationality and appeal of Germany's universities and higher education institutions,
- maintaining or establishing German studies including German language, literature and cultural studies at major foreign universities,
- helping the developing countries to establish efficient higher education structures.

These objectives are specifically implemented in more than 200 programmes that are predominantly publicly funded by the German Federal Government. These programmes are generally open to all disciplines and all countries, and benefit foreigners and Germans alike. Hence, the DAAD's main task abroad is to provide information on the German higher education system and to raise the appeal of Germany as a base for scientific and academic activity.

To this end, an increasing number of International Bachelor, Master or Doctoral Programmes that are solely or mainly taught in English has been established at Germany's higher education institutions. Currently about 260,000 international students are enrolled in German universities and the DAAD grants more than 56,000 individual scholarships, 35,000 of them to non-Germans. Thus it is by far the world's largest funding organisation for international academic exchange.

At present, DAAD in Jordan is represented by five university lecturers who teach at the University of Jordan (UJ) as well as at the German Jordanian University (GJU):

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