



INNOVATORS, DOERS AND ENTREPRENEURS [AT] SUMMER SCHOOL (IDEAS)

Call for Applications 2023

Application Deadline: February 26th 2023, 22:59 GMT// 23:59 CET



Onboarding Week: June 26th to 30th (virtual)



Self-Learning Online Course July 24th-28th



Stay in Leipzig: September 3rd to 24th



Virtual Conference: October 18th to 20th

About Us

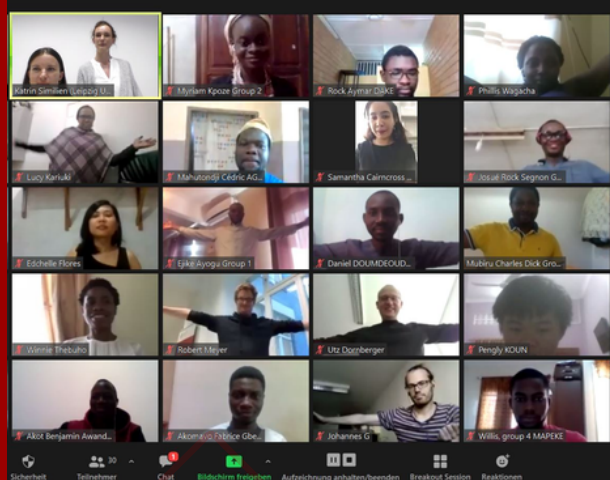
The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), with financial support provided by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), supports academic qualification measures for individuals from developing countries who participate in the In-Country/In-Region Programme. Every year, the DAAD awards more than 700 BMZ-funded scholarships to junior researchers from Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, South East Asia, and South Asia to help finance their Master's or Ph.D. programs in their home country or region.

The program aims to enable trained professionals to address and deal with diverse societal, economic and ecological issues in developing countries. A further objective is to sustainably improve the teaching and research conditions in the partner regions and to strengthen their higher education profile.

As an additional offer for scholarship holders of the In-Country/In-Region Programme, the DAAD cooperates with German universities in organizing a range of summer schools in Germany. These measures allow the students and young researchers to take part in high-class academic training in a selected subject area, meet and exchange with peers from across the world, and make their own, unique experiences of German society, culture, and history.



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Host: SEPT Competence Center



Find out more about
SEPT on
our homepage!

The SEPT competence center hosts a research and training program at Leipzig University, Germany, dedicated to providing theoretical insight as well as practical experience in the management and promotion of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) worldwide.

With the Intelligence for Innovation initiative (In4In), SEPT has gained more than 10 years of experience in innovation and entrepreneurship promotion in more than 20 countries worldwide and was able to establish a network of more than 25 member institutions throughout the world. In4In offers an application-oriented set of strategies and instruments to manage and foster innovation as a way of strengthening the competitiveness of SMEs and start-ups.

Both our experience and network will be a great asset for your project idea.



Target Group

The IDEA Summer School is exclusively targeting DAAD scholarship holders in the In-Country/In-Region Programme. Participants are advanced students at the Master's or Ph.D level in all disciplines from developing countries. The IDEA Summer School is especially valuable to those who have an interest in setting up their own business or implementing their own ideas as development or knowledge transfer projects.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Applicants are active scholarship holders of the DAAD's In-Country/In-Region Programme as of **1st January 2023**.
- ✓ Applicants should hold at least a **Bachelor's degree**.
- ✓ Active and **excellent English language skills** (speaking and writing)-are indispensable as the language of communication in the summer school will be English. If you are not sure about your level of fluency and/ or the suitability of your documents, please contact the coordinators.
- ✓ High personal **motivation** and willingness to get actively involved during the training sessions are expected from the participants.
- ✓ The provision of **international experience** is an asset.
- ✓ Please note that attending this summer school should not compromise your regular study programme commitments or duration. This summer school will not be accepted as justification for extension of your current In-Country/In-Region scholarship.



The program aims to achieve a fair gender balance among the participants. Further, it is foreseen that the group represents a balance of Master's students and Ph.D. candidates. People with disability are explicitly encouraged to apply!

Please mind that participation is possible only once. You may apply to up to two DAAD summer schools in 2023. However, participation will only be possible in one of them.

Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the coordinators or the team at the DAAD.



Program Content and Aims

The IDEA Summer School aims to enable you to plan and implement your projects for knowledge transfer. Therefore, the project ideas are at the heart of the Summer School. We will focus on three channels of knowledge transfer: Innovation, Entrepreneurship (business idea development) and Teaching.

Based on the three channels the Summer School allows you to emphasize one of those tracks by submitting a respective project idea with the application. Be aware that your participation in the course during the whole period is compulsory. Please also consider the time differences for the digital parts.

One intensive coaching day per week in Leipzig supports you to advance the project based on the input of the respective week. Each of the tracks aims to empower you to develop your own project idea further as a direct output of the Summer School.



Onboarding Week

📍 Zoom



June 26th - 30th



~ 7.00 - 11.00 am GMT

Become part of our Summer School community! Meet the trainers & the team, get to know each other, find out about the tools for the sessions, and get an introduction to the main topics of the Summer School. Get valuable advice for travel arrangements!

Intercultural Activities

2 Afternoon-Sessions of about 90 mins



Online Course: Teaching & Learning in Higher Education

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July 24th -28th



self-paced, approx. 8 hours

Dive into innovative teaching approaches and set a knowledge base for the workshop in Germany. An open consultation hour will help to clarify questions.

1 Afternoon-Session of about 90 mins



Stay in Leipzig

📍 Leipzig



Sept. 03rd - 24th



~ 9.00 - 16.00 CEST

Week 1: Innovation

Embark on a journey to develop ideas, learn about tools and strategies to manage the process from ideas to true innovation.



Prepare your idea pitch or an idea video.

Week 2: Entrepreneurship

Ideas are great, and a product in your hand is even better but without a business model, this does not generate an income. Learn how to develop your business model.



Develop your business model, a strong pitch or a business idea video.

Week 3: Teaching & Learning in Higher Education

Enhance your knowledge from #2: Gain insights on concepts of interactive, reflexive, student-centred learning to your own teaching and other knowledge transfer tasks.



Draft a course design that meets high standards in the art of teaching.

Excursions:
Dresden, Berlin

Guided City Tour

Museum Visits

Factory Tour

Pub Crawl

Movie Night

Boat Trip

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Virtual Conference

📍 Zoom

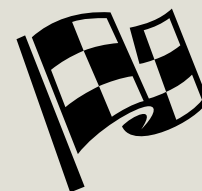


October 18th - 20th



~ 7.00 - 11.00 am GMT

This is the Grand Final of your IDEA Summer School! Present your results to your peers, discuss them and share them with external guests on the public day.



Community Activities



**Monthly International
SEPT Research
Colloquium**



Training
Scientific Writing: Zotero
Training, Grant Proposal Writing
Training, Application Training











Networking Activities
Joint cooking, Film Screening,
Virtual City Tour, Gaming



Please note that, at this point, Leipzig University is only able to provide an overview of the preliminary schedules of the IDEA Summer School. The schedule is subject to changes of which you will be informed beforehand.

Your Benefits

By participating in the IDEA Summer School you will profit from a number of personal and academic benefits:

-  Workshops and coaching with experienced partners from Africa and Germany.
-  Discussions and contacts with international peers.
-  Access to international (academic) networks via our official community app, during community events such as movie screenings, cooking events, intercultural workshops, and the monthly SEPT Research Colloquium.
-  Potential contacts to support you during the application process for research stays, etc.
-  Get a first glimpse of German everyday culture and meet the SEPT teams including students and researchers!
-  Certificate of participation issued by Leipzig University and DAAD.
-  In the Entrepreneurship and Innovation tracks, you will be well prepared for admission to the AGEA business idea competition.
-  In the Training track, you will have a well-developed course draft at hand to be used and published

Participant Testimonials



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“I found the session highly beneficial. Hope we can have the recordings of the sessions to view later.”

“The summer school program is one of the golden opportunities for students under In-country/regional DAAD scholarship to get skills and improve knowledge from well different institutes of Germany. Not only academic benefits it also helps to know different cultures, particularly German culture through social Interaction.”

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Funding



During the training participants will be guests of Leipzig University. The value of the training per participant is about 4,500.00 EUR. Besides trainers, materials, entrance fees and excursions this includes:



Flight (Economy Class)

To and from Germany

Mobility in Germany

- Ground travel to and from Leipzig
- Local transportation ticket for Leipzig



Visa costs

Visa fees are refundable upon arrival in Germany.



Access to University Library and Wifi



Living Costs

- **Accommodation** in gender-divided shared 1-room apartments (3 Persons) approximately 25 m² with kitchen and bathroom in a very central location
- For **grocery shopping**, you will receive 50 EUR per week
- **Joint activities** with the group



Emergency health, accident and liability insurance *

*Coverage of dental treatment and pregnancy related medical services is very limited



Partial reimbursement of mobile data

APPLY NOW!

1

Check for latest news!



Check the call for application website and get the most recent information. We strongly recommend to pay attention to the general advise on applications provided here.

2

Register on Innolytics!



Register in our Innolytics platform. You will be assigned manually to the IDEAS Application Area by the IDEAS Team. This may take some time but this additional step is to avoid unintended access to your idea.

3

Fill application survey!



Fill the application survey. The details are required to coordinate the application process with DAAD and the other SP/DL Summer Schools.

4

Fill in the details about your project on Innolytics



Log on to Innolytics and fill in the details of your idea. Take time to do this very carefully. The idea, the presentation of your personal capacity and your motivation statement submitted here is the basis for the selection process.

Once you have completed those steps you can await the result of our selection process. Please be patient with us, we need some time to do this since we want to treat your application with the careful attention that it deserves.

The selection will be based on the quality of the project idea (innovativeness, feasibility and impact), the expected value addition through SEPT throughout the IDEA Summer School and the credibility of the applicants capacity to implement the project. Formal quality of the application will also play a role. The selection committee, comprised of high-profile higher education management experts and staff of DAAD, meets in March and the selected candidates will be informed about the results of the selection meeting by the end of April 2023.

IMPORTANT DATES



FEBRUARY 26TH 2023

Application submission deadline

MAY 1ST-15 TH 2023

submission of documents, book visa appointment

JULY 24TH-28TH 2023

Self-Learning Course

APRIL 30TH 2023

Acceptance notification

JUNE 24TH-28TH 2023

Onboarding Week (virtual)

3RD-24TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

Stay in Leipzig

18TH- 20TH OCTOBER, 2023

Virtual Conference



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