



# DAAD RISE SCHOLARSHIP (DEUTSCHER AKADEMISCHER AUSTAUSCHDIENST/GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE)

## OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

Rise stands for Research Internships in Science and Engineering. RISE Germany offers undergraduate students from North American, British and Irish universities the opportunity to complete a summer research internship at top German universities and research institutions. RISE Germany is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Students are matched with a host university or institute according to their area of interest (biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, engineering, or a closely related field).

DAAD provides students a monthly stipend for three months to help cover living expenses.

Host universities, universities of applied sciences (UAS) and institutes provide housing assistance and match students with Ph.D. student mentors or researchers (only UAS).

German language is not required and the working language will be in English.

## ELIGIBILITY

- To apply for an internship placement for the summer you must:
- be currently enrolled at a university/college in the United States, Canada, the UK or Ireland as undergraduate student in the field of biology, chemistry, computer science, physics, earth sciences or engineering (or a closely related field).
- Be an undergraduate student who will have completed at least 2 years of a degree program by the time of the internship placement.

- Prove that you will maintain undergraduate status after the internship has taken place

## HOW TO APPLY

The application is submitted completely online through the RISE database.

1. Register and login to access the internship database.
2. Fill in the online application form and upload all necessary documents. Which documents do you need?
  - Motivation letter for each project you apply for
  - Curriculum vitae/resume (CV)
  - List of courses, as a supplement to the official transcript, you will have completed by the time the internship begins
  - Up-to-date official university/college transcript
  - Verification from the university / certificate of enrollment (download document)
  - Letter of reference
3. Please check the list of application documents you must submit at the Application portal.

The internship database is usually open between November 1 to mid-December. Results will be announced in March.

## FOR RECOMMENDERS

All letters of recommendation have to be submitted by mid-January. The letter of reference must be submitted with the official letterhead of the respective university and the referee's signature. Below are some guideline for what the letter of reference should contain:

- Since when and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- The applicant is among the best students (in %): 5 %; 10 %; 20%; 30%; or no assessment possible

- How does the applicant stand out in academic and personal terms and how would you assess his/her potential?
- Of what significance is the aspired scholarship to the applicant's academic and professional career?
- Additional information that could be of importance to the scholarship award decision?
- Degree of approval: Emphatic approval; Approval; Conditional Approval  
Please note: In general, RISE will only accept letters of reference from an academic teaching at the student's home university. Exceptions can be made if the student has recently changed universities or if the student has been on an exchange program for one semester or a year in another country.