

**Germany Today 2022****German Higher Education Institutions and their Role as a Gateway  
to the European Higher Education Area****June 19 – June 24, 2022****Freiburg, Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Darmstadt and Mainz**

**DAAD invites representatives from universities, research institutions and funding agencies in the United States and Canada, as well as colleagues from the fields of education policy and politics, to join us for our “Germany Today” Information Tour 2022.**

DAAD’s information tour “Germany Today” is designed to give participants a broad overview of Germany’s higher education landscape. This includes:

- An overview of Germany’s higher education and research systems
- An update on current developments, innovative projects, and structural reforms
- Details about BA and MA programs, as well as PhD training at various institutions
- Information on funding opportunities for academic exchange and institutional cooperation

This year’s tour will focus on the involvement of German Institutions in European University Alliances.

The objective of European University Alliances is to promote European values and identity, and to further increase the quality and competitiveness of European higher education. The alliances include partners from all types of higher education institution and cover a broad geographic scope across Europe. They are based upon a deep level of inter-university cooperation with a co-envisioned long-term strategy focused on sustainability, excellence, and common values. The university alliances offer student-centered, flexible curricula which are jointly delivered across inter-university campuses, and they adopt a challenge-based approach, enabling students, academics, and external partners to cooperate in inter-disciplinary teams.

<https://education.ec.europa.eu/education-levels/higher-education/european-universities> .

The Germany Today 2022 tour offers participants the opportunity to exchange best practices, effective methodologies, and lessons learned between the German hosts and the North American guests.

The tour includes on-site visits to a variety of higher education institutions with the common feature that all of them have been successful in the EU pilot call for “European Universities.” Additional DAAD funding is provided to the German institutions by DAAD.



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst  
German Academic Exchange Service

The 2022 tour will visit institutions in Freiburg, Strasbourg, Karlsruhe, Heidelberg, Darmstadt, and Mainz and introduce the participants to a broad spectrum of European university alliances. (Please find more information on the host institutions below.)

The program will be interactive: our hosts will provide valuable insights into their activities, and you will be asked to share your perspectives and expertise. North American participants in this program are typically senior administrators at leading universities in the U.S. and Canada (such as provosts, deans, vice-presidents, or heads of international offices), policy makers in federal and state/provincial governments, or associations and other experts in the field of higher education or in respective research topics.

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 Freiburg, Germany on Sunday afternoon, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and ends with a dinner on Friday evening, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Darmstadt, Germany. The night of Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is also booked and covered by DAAD. Intercontinental travel is at the participant's expense.

Applicants must have U.S./Canadian citizenship or permanent residency, proof of full COVID-19 vaccination plus booster shot. They should have a demonstrated interest in Germany and transatlantic cooperation and a relevant professional position. They should not have recently participated in another information trip to Germany.

Applications – ideally as one pdf-document – must be received by **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Please contact Uta Gaedeke at DAAD's New York Office at [gaedeke@daad.de](mailto:gaedeke@daad.de) for further information.

**The Host Institutions:****University of Freiburg**

<https://uni-freiburg.de/university/university-at-a-glance/portrait/>

The roughly 25.000 students at the University of Freiburg can choose from about 290 degree programs, 28 of which are taught in English. With a broad range of fields of study, the University offers great opportunities for innovative fundamental research in individual disciplines as well as in the form of interdisciplinary collaboration. The University has singled out eight transdisciplinary fields that define its unique research profile and contribute to its international visibility as a hub of research. The University maintains close contact on all levels with other outstanding universities and research institutions as well as industry.

**University of Strasbourg**

<https://en.unistra.fr/>

Strasbourg is the second most international university city in France (after Paris). Today, the University of Strasbourg counts 42000 students, offers initial and further education in a wide range of academic fields and is an international player in scientific research.

**Karlsruhe Institute of Technology**

<https://www.kit.edu/kit/english/index.php>

The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is “The Research University in the Helmholtz Association.” With more than 23.000 students studying in more than 100 study courses, KIT is also one of the largest science institutions in Europe. More than 9000 people are working here, of which more than half are conducting research in a broad range of disciplines from natural sciences to engineering, to economics, to the humanities and social sciences. KIT was successful in the Excellence Strategy Competition of the Federation and the Federal States in 2019, with a concept for enhancing top-level research in the complete range from fundamental research to application.

**EPICUR**

<https://epicur.education/our-alliance/>

EPICUR Alliance is a consortium of nine partners, from Austria, France, Greece, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, and Denmark including the University of Freiburg, the University of Strasbourg and the KIT.

Since November 2019, the teams of the 8 original partner universities of the alliance have been working together to test and experiment with different approaches to make their vision of a truly European University a reality. EPICUR fosters multilingualism and focuses on student-centered and collaborative learning and teaching formats inspired by the principles of Liberal Arts and Sciences. EPICUR also facilitates service-learning and research-based internships. Its aim is to connect students, staff, and external stakeholders by offering new forms of mobilities and the introduction of the EPICUR Inter-University Campus (EIUC).

**University of Heidelberg**

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/university>

With a long tradition of shaping the future, Heidelberg University sees itself as an internationally oriented research and teaching institution. With over 100 institutes and seminars, the university covers the wide range of subjects of a full university. The University has been successful in the federal and state Excellence Initiative under the banner of four "Fields of Focus". Each one of these research fields bring together scientists from various institutions and disciplines.

**4EU+**

<https://4euplus.eu/4EU-1.html>

The 4EU+ European University Alliance brings together six comprehensive, research-intensive, public universities (Charles University in Prague, Heidelberg University, Sorbonne University in Paris, the University of Warsaw, the University of Copenhagen and the University of Milan.) from four regions of Europe to strengthen the European vision of deepened cooperation and mutual enrichment by developing a new quality of cooperation in teaching, education, research and administration, leading to the creation of a truly integrated European University System.

**Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences**

<https://h-da.de/en/>

With a student body of about 17,000, Hochschule Darmstadt is one of the largest and most distinguished universities of applied sciences in Germany. Its excellent reputation is the result of a scientifically grounded, real-world approach to higher education and the professional success of its graduates. The high reputation of the study courses is based on a good supervision ratio with manageable groups and a clear practical orientation.

**EUt+**

<https://www.univ-tech.eu/>

is a consortium of eight partners from Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Romania and Spain. The European University of Technology, EUt+ is the result of the alliance of these eight European partners who share in common: the "Think Human First" vision towards a human-centered approach to technology; the ambition to establish a new type of institution on a confederal basis. The aim of the alliance is to be one of the first technology-oriented European universities to contribute to the further integration of Europe.

**Technical University of Darmstadt**

<https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/index.en.jsp>

The Technical University of Darmstadt is a synonym for excellent, relevant science and the home of over 25.000 students. The university offers more than 110 degree programs in engineering, natural sciences as well as humanities. Its cutting-edge research is pooled in three fields: Energy and Environment, Information and Intelligence, Matter and Materials. Large-scale, problem-based interdisciplinary involving the engineering sciences, natural sciences, humanities and social sciences is the hallmark of research and study.

**Unite!**

<https://www.unite-university.eu/>

Unite! is a European University alliance with partners from 7 countries (9 by the end of 2022) that will set a new model for a European virtual and physical inter-university campus. Unite! will connect engineering, science and technology with the grand challenges of society in co-creation by students, faculty and staff – providing skills for a new generation of European and global citizens. Unite! will transform European higher education via its research and education mission, regional involvement and entrepreneurship, and outreach.

**Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU)**

<https://www.uni-mainz.de/eng/>

With around 31,000 students and 4,500 academics from over 120 nations, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) is one of the largest and most diverse universities in Germany. With 76 fields of study and 289 degree courses, JGU offers an extraordinarily broad range of courses. JGU unites almost all academic disciplines under one roof, including the Medical Center, the Academy of Fine Arts, the School of Music (all in Mainz), and the Faculty of Translation Studies, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies in Gernersheim. JGU maintains more than 440 ERASMUS partnerships and over 115 further university cooperations worldwide, plus a large international research network

**FORTHEM**

<https://www.forthem-alliance.eu/alliance/about-us/>

FORTHEM is a new European network of nine multidisciplinary public research universities with a strong regional anchoring. Besides others, the objectives of FORTHEM are to adopt a transnational higher education strategy enforcing innovative student-centered pedagogy, mobility and multilingualism, to bring Europe home to all Alliance's regions, and to tackle crucial societal challenges in co-creation by students, staff, and the public and private sector.