RISE 2007
Good research relies on cooperation, and international teamwork is becoming increasingly important. This means that scientists and engineers with international experience are increasingly sought after in both business and academia. The number of truly exciting programs abroad for undergraduates in the sciences and engineering is still far too small. Because of this DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) set out to create unique opportunities for students from the United States and Canada interested in gaining serious research experience in Germany.

Unique Opportunities in Gaining Research Experience in Germany

RISE - Research Internships in Science and Engineering - gives students in the fields of Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology and Physics the chance to spend a summer working with German doctoral students on serious research projects. The doctoral students help integrate the undergraduate directly into the lab work and serve as personal and professional mentors. All participants receive stipends to help cover living expenses, and the partner universities and research institutions provide housing assistance.

The Program Benefits Everyone Involved

North American Undergraduate Students in science and engineering get a glimpse of advanced research work while gaining desirable practical experience in their field. They learn about Germany from an insider’s perspective while meeting new people and taking their first steps with the German language - or practicing their existing language abilities. Long-lasting friendships are born from these intensive work environments that are balanced with fun evenings or weekends out with colleagues.

German PhD Students receive much-needed assistance with their research projects. They profit both professionally and personally from contact with the RISE students, by increasing their knowledge of the culture, lifestyle, and higher education systems in North America. The project also offers doctoral students an excellent opportunity to gain subject-specific English language knowledge.

Learning From Each Other
Beyond playing matchmaker for undergraduate research assistants and doctoral students, DAAD also invites all fellows to a three-day event during the summer where they have an opportunity to learn from each others experiences while exploring a historic city and a modern German multinational corporation.

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Interested? Want to learn more? Check out our website www.daad.de/rise
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Deadline?
German PhD students: from 1st of October to 30th of November 2006
North American students: from 7th of December to 31st of January 2007