

## **RISE in North America 2009**

Global competencies, multicultural skills and international cooperation are becoming more and more important factors in good research work. This is why DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) established RISE (*Research Internships in Science and Engineering*, [www.daad.de/rise](http://www.daad.de/rise)) - an internship program for North American undergraduate students who wish to gain research experience at German universities and research institutions. The program has been extremely successful, and since 2005 almost 900 scholarships have been awarded to students from the U.S. and Canada.

Due to the positive feedback from RISE students and hosts, DAAD decided to open up this scholarship opportunity to exchange in the opposite direction. Research groups in the U.S. and in Canada interested in hosting a German research assistant in the summer of 2009 are invited to participate in the new program **RISE in North America** and to submit project proposals on [www.daad.de/rise-northamerica](http://www.daad.de/rise-northamerica).

### **What are the features of RISE in North America?**

Within this new program, American and Canadian research groups, laboratories and doctoral students can now apply to host a motivated, English-proficient intern from Germany in their proposed project. The German intern will assist in research and lab work. The interns, who are students in the fields of **biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, engineering, or a closely related field**, receive a DAAD scholarship to help cover living expenses and travel costs (for details see [www.daad.de/rise-northamerica](http://www.daad.de/rise-northamerica)).

### **What are the Benefits of the Program?**

**North American researchers in science and engineering** receive assistance with their research projects. They profit both professionally and personally from contact with the RISE interns by getting a chance to deepen their knowledge of the culture, lifestyle and higher education system in Germany. PhD students are especially encouraged to participate because they in particular can benefit by learning how to guide and serve as a mentor to younger students. The project also offers an excellent opportunity to establish academic partnerships with universities in Germany or to intensify already existing transatlantic networks.

**German Undergraduate Students** in science and engineering gain exposure to advanced research work while gaining desirable practical experience in their field during their semester break. They get to learn first-hand about Canada or the U.S. and improve their English language skills. Long-lasting friendships are born from these intensive work environments, which are balanced with fun evenings and weekends out with mentors and colleagues.

RISE in *North America* is supported by the Federal Republic of Germany through funding from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. We would like to thank them for their generous support, without which this project would not be possible.

### **Interested?**

**Check out our Website:**

[www.daad.de/rise-northamerica](http://www.daad.de/rise-northamerica)

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**Submission of project proposals:**

**November 12, 2008 to January 4, 2009**

Term of the internship:

6 weeks to 1.5 months; earliest start date: June 15, 2009