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### DAAD Scholarship Application Deadline Approach

### Dear Sir/Madam,

The DAAD offers financial support for individuals who would like to conduct research for a PhD thesis in Germany. Grants are available to graduate students and PhD candidates from both universities and research institutes in China and are open to all disciplines.

Applications have to be submitted before <u>15 June 2007</u> to DAAD Beijing Office. In addition, candidates have to register online on the website of the China Scholarship Council (www.csc.edu.cn).

We would appreciate very much if you could circulate this information among qualified students and faculty members of your university.

# 1 – Research Stays in Germany in View of Obtaining a Doctoral Degree in China ("Sandwich" Programme)

The programme provides Chinese PhD students with an opportunity to carry out a research project at a German higher education institution or non-university research institute for the purpose of gaining a doctorate in China. After completion of their research stay in Germany, candidates return to China and submit their docotoral thesis to their home institution at the end. Candidates for this programme must have already been admitted at a doctoral station in China at the time of application. They must not be older than **36 years** at the designated beginning of the scholarship.

The length of the scholarship depends on the candidate's research project and can vary from a minimum of 7 months and two years max.

## 2 – Research Stays in Germany in View of Obtaining a Doctoral Degree in Germany

The programme provides holders of a master's degree in China with an opportunity to carry out a research project at a German higher education institution or non-university research institute for the purpose of gaining a German doctoral degree.

Candidates for this programme must obtain their master's degree in summer 2007 at the latest and must not be older than **32 years** at the designated beginning of the fellowship.

The length of the grant can be up to three years.

Priority will be given to research area with insufficient research or academic supervision opportunities in China.

#### Language policy

No knowledge of German is required at the time of application. However, candidates have to prove a good working level of English, demonstrated by a IELTS overall band score of 5.5 or TOEFL iBT 80 at least, or TEM 8.

#### Decision making process

Qualified candidates will be invited to an interview with a joint selection committee of CSC and DAAD and made up of Chinese and German Professors in November 2007. The interview language will be English or German. Decisions will be announced in early 2008.

Successful candidates will have to participate in a compulsory German language training in China before they can take up the scholarship. For candidates from the natural sciences and engineering the length of the German language training is one semester, for candidates from the humanities and social sciences the length of the language training is two semesters. More details on these and other DAAD scholarship programmes can be found on our website <u>www.daad.org.cn</u>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at scholarship@daad.org.cn or under 010 6590 6656 / 010 6590 6676.

With the best wishes to you and your colleagues, yours sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Schmidt-Dörr Director DAAD Beijing Office

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