# Aktuell: DAAD/AICGS sucht Bewerber für Forschungsaufenthalt in Washington DC

Das American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS) nimmt zur Zeit Bewerbungen für das vom Deutschen Akademischen Austauschdienst geförderte DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship Program entgegen. Bewerbungungsschluss für die erste Jahreshälfte 2010 (Januar-Juni) ist der 31. August 2009. Das Programm fördert zweimonatige Forschungsaufenthalte am AICGS in Washington DC für Forscher und Experten, die an Themen über Deutschland, Europa und/oder transatlantische Beziehungen arbeiten.

# DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship Program

AICGS is now accepting applications for the next round of DAAD fellowships. The application deadline for Spring 2010 (January 2010 - June 2010) is August 31, 2009.

The DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship Program, funded by a generous grant from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), is designed to bring scholars and specialists working on Germany, Europe, and/or transatlantic relations to AICGS for research stays of two months each. Fellowships include a monthly stipend of up to \$4,725, depending on the seniority of the applicant, transportation to and from Washington, and office space at the Institute.

Please note that the DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship supports fellows conducting research at AICGS in Washington, D.C. We are unable to support research in Germany/Europe.

DAAD/AICGS Research Fellows will be expected to produce a short analytical essay that will be published on the AICGS website and distributed via the Institute's bimonthly email newsletter, *The AICGS Advisor*. For fellows producing research output of exceptional quality and interest, AICGS will provide opportunities for public presentations to the broader Washington policy community.

Project proposals should address a topic closely related to one or more of the Institute's three research and programming areas:

- 1. Business and Economics
- 2. Foreign and Domestic Policy
- 3. Society, Culture, and Politics

Special consideration will be given to research projects addressing the Institute's current and future project emphases within these areas. Projects should also be compatible with and supportive of the AICGS mission, which is to strengthen the German-American relationship in an evolving Europe and

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changing world. The Institute produces objective and original analyses of developments and trends in
Germany, Europe, and the United States; creates new transatlantic networks; and facilitates dialogue
among the business, political, and academic communities to manage differences and define and
promote common interests.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1. Applicants must be German or American citizens.
- 2. All application materials MUST be received by AICGS by the deadline in order to be considered for fellowships in the specified period.
- 3. Applicants should have completed or currently be working on a Ph.D. Only in exceptional cases will fellowships be awarded to applicants with an M.A., who are not Ph.D. students.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

There is no formal application form. To apply for the DAAD/AICGS fellowship program, please submit the following materials:

- a. A brief cover letter (please indicate your citizenship in the cover letter and how you have heard about the fellowship);
- b. A curriculum vitae, with a list of publications (if relevant);
- c. A project proposal (5-7 pages, double-spaced) outlining in clear, concise terms the substantive thrust of the research and its relevance to the AICGS mission, and the reasons for carrying it out at AICGS;
- d. Two recent letters of reference (for Ph.D. students and recent Ph.D.s (received in the last five years) only).

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

For the Fall Session (July - December): February 28 For the Spring Session (January - June): August 31

Please note that fellows must be in residence at AICGS during the period they have applied for. Unfortunately, no exceptions can be granted.

# **VISA REQUIREMENTS:**

If selected as DAAD/AICGS fellows, German nationals must be eligible for and obtain a J-1 visa from a U.S. consulate or embassy in Germany. Applicants should be aware that, due to U.S. immigration regulations, J-1 visas may be subject to the 2-year rule, which prohibits individuals from returning to the United States on an immigrant visa for a period of two years upon completion of their fellowship at AICGS. (Please contact the U.S. Embassy in Germany for further information on the 2-year stipulation.) AICGS will provide detailed information about the visa process once a fellow has been selected.

Please send all application packets to the following address:

DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship Program American Institute for Contemporary German Studies 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20036

or by e-mail to: jwindell@aicgs.org

Please note that you will receive an email confirming the receipt of your application. Should you not receive a confirmation email, please contact us.