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Call for Application

for 12 DAAD-funded days in Germany

**incl. visit to re:publica 2019 (#rp19) conference –
the most Inspiring Festival For The Digital Society**

<https://19.re-publica.com> Berlin

29th April - 8th May 2019 for DAAD-Alumni

**(STEM-Studyprogrammes:
Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics/Informatics)**



On behalf of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), funded by the Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation the WESTSÄCHSISCHE HOCHSCHULE ZWICKAU (WHZ) - University of Applied Sciences organizes an International DAAD Alumni Expert Seminar.

This Alumni-Expert-Seminar (in the framework of the DAAD programme [Alumni Special Projects](#)) will consist of one week in Zwickau, Germany (ca. 28th April - 5th May 2019 [Seminars 29th April - 3rd May] incl. trip to Zwickau as well as continuation / transfer to Berlin) plus a second week in Berlin.

Lectures on various interdisciplinary topics with a strong focus on re:publica-topics (digitalization, computer, programming and informatics), seminars, educational and informational events (as well as some cultural events around Zwickau city and WHZ University). Those events are in conjunction with the re:publica-topics (and your professional and educational background).

The week in Berlin (re:publica-conference, 6th - 8th May 2019, <https://19.re-publica.com>) is organized and funded separately and independently by DAAD.

Requirement

You must be a DAAD-Alumnus (i.e. have previously received funding for at least 3 months for a study stay [student or researcher] in Germany).

Objective

Main objective is to enhance competence in answering the challenges of the Digitalization, Industry 4.0 Economic and Societal Development in this context. Current trends and development in line with data protection, data security will be presented and discussed as well as topics concerning autonomous machines and robotics and their impact on society, work environment and sustainability goals.

Sub-objectives include:

- To motivate Alumni to engage themselves on national and regional level, and to share experience in the German Alumni Network at Alumniportal Deutschland.
- To improve cooperation with German educational institutes, authorities and business sector.
- To enhance the international cooperation of the participants and their institutions with the WHZ Zwickau.

Tentative Outline of the Programme

The seminar will have two parts:

1.) Five days' seminar at WHZ Zwickau University of Applied Sciences (Monday to Friday)

Presentations of Alumni and German lecturers will focus on new trends and procedures in data science and computer science, the interrelation between digitalization, economic and social welfare and development.

Excursions to regional companies in the sector of computer industry / programming.

Social programme.

Trip to Berlin for second part: To be decided (Saturday or Sunday)

2.) Three days at Berlin, re:publica conference (DAAD) (Monday to Wednesday).

It is necessary to participate in the whole programme: seminar, congress and social programme.

Eligibility criteria for participation

Eligible for participation are Alumni who meet the following requirements:

- **Germany-Alumni from developing countries (DAC countries).** A stay in Germany of at least 3 months for study, work or scientific research has to be proven.
- **A proven working background** in academic fields relevant to the topics informatics / computer science or fields near these topics resp. the topics relevant for the conference re:publica.
- **To act as potential multipliers**, e.g. people who are decision makers or people who are in a position to disseminate the acquired knowledge for regional implementation.
- **Adequate language proficiency** which is essential to actively participate in the workshops and discussions as the seminar will be held in **English**.

Cost Coverage

Travel costs are limited to 770 € for the flight (Economy class) to Germany and back (including Rail & Fly or transport by bus/train (2nd class) from the Airport

in Germany to the seminar/conference venue), subsistence allowance in Germany is limited to max. 96 € per day, however only actual costs will be reimbursed upon proper tickets/bills/receipts or other documents.

Note: All other costs, such as transport costs from participants' home to the airport in the home country or travel costs for visa application in the home country have to be borne by the participants.

Please keep in mind that reimbursement for living costs is limited to a max. of 96 € per day and thus may only cover partly your costs during the stay in Germany.

Application

If you are interested, please send your full name, home address, job position for further information on the application procedure and selection process **by 31st January 2019** via e-mail to: Soeren.Foerster@fh-zwickau.de

The application (in English language) must include the following documents:

- Filled form of **application including your motivation** for participation. The form is available on the WHZ-Alumni landing page: <https://www.fh-zwickau.de/alumni/aktuelle-alumni-veranstaltungen/alumni-special-event-2019/> or via E-Mail from Soeren.Foerster@fh-zwickau.de
- A **short CV with passport size photo**: surname, name, date of birth, organisation and current position, department, city, country, phone, e-mail.
- Indicate your **Alumni status** in providing details about your previous stay in Germany. Please indicate if you are a PhD candidate or a student.
- Short **description** of your present field of activities, your tasks/position and your personal professional goals.
- An **overview** on workshops, conferences and seminars visited in Germany after finishing your studies/your stay in Germany.
- A **single sided abstract** on one of the topics of the expert seminar. Use Arial font, font size 11, 1.5 line spacing. The abstracts will be selected for presentation during the seminar.

The PDF-document with a total of max. 5 pages has to be named 'Last name_First name_country' (e.g. Mustermann_Max_Germany).

Please note: Completeness of personal data mentioned in the application form will affect your eligibility as a participant.

With your application you agree that your data (name, organization, email) is given to selected company representatives and that you might appear on pictures which will be published on the DAAD website after the event.

Further on, with your application you commit yourself to participate in the whole program (expert seminar, congress visit and social program).

After the review by the local organizing committee and DAAD, the invited participants will be notified in February 2019.

Travel Dates

The date of arrival in Zwickau will be Sunday 28th April, 2019.

The date of departure from Berlin will be Thursday 9th Mai, 2019.

For any further questions please contact the organizer:

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