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### 1. [Freie Universität Berlin Maintains Excellent Status](#)

In the latest phase of the German national Excellence Initiative, Freie Universität Berlin has again achieved excellence status. The university has had projects approved in all three funding lines. Funds have been committed through 2017 for the university’s future development concept “Veritas – Justitia – Libertas. International Network University” along with three clusters of excellence and seven graduate schools based at Freie Universität Berlin or with participation by Freie Universität. The president of Freie Universität Berlin, Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt, spoke of a “happy day for Freie Universität and its partners.” The university’s success in the Excellence Initiative confirms that its reputation and appeal are greater than ever. The funding commitment for the future development strategies of both Freie Universität and Humboldt-Universität as well as numerous excellence clusters and graduate schools based at all the large universities in Berlin are an important asset for the Berlin-Brandenburg region. [Visit the homepage “International Network University” ->](#)

**2. 17th New Faces Conference “Pluralism in Egypt and Tunisia - How the Political Opening is Changing Islamist Forces”**

From 4 to 7 October 2012, the EU-Middle East Forum (EUMEF) of the German Council of Foreign Relations (DGAP), Robert-Bosch-Stiftung and The American University in Cairo (AUC) organize in cooperation with the Liaison Office of Freie Universität Berlin the 17th New Faces Conference in Cairo. Under the title “Pluralism in Egypt and Tunisia - How the Political Opening is Changing Islamist Forces” the conference brings together Young Professionals working in different fields and coming from different countries. For detailed information on the conference please contact the Liaison Office.

**3. European-Egyptian Science Slam in Cairo: Participants wanted!**

Following up on the success of the “[First Berlin Science Slam in Cairo](#)” the DAAD Cairo Office together with its partner institutions organizes an international Science Slam on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012 in Cairo on the occasion of the European-Egyptian Year of Science. The slammers get a maximum of ten minutes to present their research topics. Creativity has no boundaries. Experiments, presentations, singing - everything is allowed! The audience decides at the end who takes the title. Wanted are young researchers (PhD candidates or PostDocs) of all fields from Germany, Egypt and other EU member states, who are currently or have been on a research stay in Germany. The Slam-language is English. The participants await an exciting trip to Cairo, a lot of fun and amazing prizes! To apply, send your CV and a short motivation letter together with a Slam-preview in form of a short video till **1 October 2012** to [Christina.stahlbock@daadcairo.org](mailto:Christina.stahlbock@daadcairo.org)

**4. Post Doc Call for Applications of Dahlem Research School**

As the Center for Junior Researchers, [Dahlem Research School \(DRS\)](#) has established an overarching framework for structured graduate education. It ensures the academic quality and integrity of its structured doctoral programmes and provides comprehensive training to its doctoral and postdoctoral researchers at every stage of their graduate careers. DRS welcomes applications for the following three calls:

**[DRS Postdoc Fellowship REGAIN](#)**

REGAIN is a new funding line of the DRS Postdoc Fellowship programme that provides funding for promising postdoctoral fellows with international experience and at least one German degree to conduct a research project at Freie Universität. It is designed to integrate postdoctoral researchers into the university’s research networks in an early phase of their career. Deadline for applications is **7<sup>th</sup> October**

2012. For further information about the REGAIN fellowships please visit the [DRS Postdoc Fellowship webpage](#).

#### **DRS Postdoc Fellowship POINT**

The POINT funding line addresses excellent junior researchers/postdocs from abroad and from all disciplines with a completed doctorate and a maximum of 6 years postdoc experience who are interested in carrying out a research project at Freie Universität Berlin. The postdoctoral fellows work in defined research projects. Duration of the Fellowship is 18 months. For further information about the DRS Postdoc Fellowship please visit the webpage of [POINT](#).

#### **Joint call for Visiting Research Fellowships at BGSMS/ZMO**

ZMO ([Zentrum Moderner Orient](#)) & BGSMS ([Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures & Societies](#)) are inviting applications as Visiting Research Fellows for the calendar year of 2013. The call is open for senior researchers and recent postdocs as well as finishing PhD students in the humanities and social sciences. Both ZMO and the Graduate School expect fellows to participate in their academic life, and to give one presentation on their research project. Applicants should indicate which of the two institutions they would prefer to be attached to for the period of their fellowship. Deadline: 30 September 2012. [See the Call for Applications ->](#)

#### **5. Long-term-Scholarship GERLS for Egyptian Doctoral Candidates**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Egyptian Ministry for Higher Education are happy to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> call of their joint funding programme GERLS. The target groups for this programme are young researchers who have been awarded their Master's degree recently (not longer than three years ago) and would like to continue their PhD-related research in Germany. GERLS is a direct outcome of the German-Egyptian Year of Science and Technology 2007. Deadline for application: 31 October 2012. [For more information ->](#)

#### **6. Autumn Call for Short-term Scholarship GERSS**

The German Egyptian Research Short term Scholarship GERSS is a programme jointly funded by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) and the German Academic Exchange Service, Bonn (DAAD). The target groups of this programme are Egyptian researchers enrolled in MSc, PhD programmes and young Post Doctoral candidates who wish to complete their study and research with a three to six months stay at a German university. Electronic application forms can be filled out as of 1<sup>st</sup> of September till 15<sup>th</sup> of October

2012. Further information can be found in the [GERSS- Information sheet](#).

7. [Extended Deadline: “German-Arab Research Partnerships - Al Tawasul”](#)

German-Arab Research Partnerships provide an opportunity to extend and intensify existing research contacts between Germany and the partner countries. German universities together with Tunisian and Egyptian Alumni (usually DAAD-Alumni) can apply for funding to conduct a joint research project. This way the alumnus/the alumna can both start his/her post doc research phase in his/her home country and continue his/her research contacts to Germany. In order to build up research structures in Egypt and Tunisia and to guarantee relevant institutional effects, the alumnus/the alumna is supposed to coordinate groups of young researchers. The application deadline is **15th October 2012**. See the [Call for Applications ->](#)

8. [New Call of the German Egyptian Research Fund \(GERF\)](#)

With the aim of promoting bilateral research cooperation between the two countries in areas of mutual interest, grants are to be provided to give researchers - including young scientists - an opportunity to address new areas of scientific research. Research results generated in these projects are to be developed into concrete applications. In addition, a further aim of the joint research fund is to help scientific networks to apply for funding under the EU's 7th Research Framework Programme or under national funding schemes. The implementing agencies are the Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) on behalf of the Ministry of Scientific Research (MSR) for the Egyptian applicants and the International Bureau on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for the German applicants. [See the announcement ->](#)

9. **Apply now for the International Climate Protection Fellowships!**

The International Climate Protection Fellowship Programme is entering its fourth round. Candidates are invited to start submitting applications immediately. Up to 15 International Climate Protection Fellowships will be awarded to prospective leaders from transition and developing countries who work on climate protection and resource conservation issues in academia, business, government or nongovernmental organizations. The closing date is **1 December 2012**. [See the call ->](#)

**10. [Apply now for FUBiS Winter School](#)**

FUBiS is Freie Universität Berlin's award winning International Summer School. It offers intensive and semi-intensive German language classes at up to five different proficiency levels as well as a course "Business German" for advanced learners. In addition FUBiS offers subject classes on various class topics. Most classes are held in English by distinguished German and international faculty. Registration for the next Winter School is now open. [Please apply here ->](#)