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All District Secretaries

Master's Degree Programme in Development Management From 1st Sep 2014 to 1st March 2016- German

The Department of External Resources (ERD) has invited nominations for the Master's Degree in Development Management in German. The programme is scheduled to be held from 1st Sep 2014 to 1st March 2016.

Programme details and relevant application forms can be downloaded from the website of http://www.development-research.org/

Accordingly, you are kindly requested to submit nominations from suitable confirmed Managerial officers come under this Ministry in your District for the above mentioned Master Degree Programme. The applications should be submitted in 03 sets along with the following documents with your recommendation on or before 20th June, 2013.

- 1. Dully filled Application Form and Certified copies of the certificates of Academic and Professional Qualifications
- 2. ERD Form 2 (original only, can be downloaded from www.erd.gov.lk) (original only)

If you need further information in this regard do not hesitate to contact HRD Division. (T.P.-011 2688124 / 2698464)

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For Secretary

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Institution

Ruhr-Universität Bochum,

Institute of Development Research and Development Policy

Location

The Ruhr-University Bochum is located in the industrial heart of Germany. With approximately 36,000 students (3,000 international students) and a staff of 5,600, the Ruhr-University Bochum is one of the most diversified German universities. Various central facilities, such as the University Library, and relaxation opportunities like the botanical gardens, are open to all students. Furthermore, the Ruhr area is one of the most culturally interesting regions in Europe, and numerous parks and green areas form a natural attraction.

Course focus

The aim of the 18-month MA in Development Management is the training of professionals to meet the increasing need that has emerged in international development cooperation for experts in programme and project management.

The course gives the student a solid theoretical background and introduces the necessary tools for dealing with the practical problems of managing development programmes and projects. Elements of the curriculum are:

- · an introduction to relevant theories in social science and economics
- · methods of empirical social research and project cycle management
- · the application of theoretical and methodological knowledge

During their first semester, students are given an interdisciplinary introduction to relevant theories and strategies of development. Students will learn about actors in international development cooperation and the role of institutions in development and will be faced with relevant case studies. In consultation with the course coordinator, students will select a research problem related to a development programme or project as the starting point for their MA thesis project. This project is preferably related to their home country. After the first semester, students can undertake a minimum two-month internship in Germany in a development organisation or a corporation in the private sector.

Building on the knowledge of relevant theories and tendencies in international development cooperation students acquired during the first semester, the second semester is taken up with learning about the variety of methods for programme and project planning, implementation, and evaluation. Students are required to apply their knowledge to case studies related to the programme or project chosen in the first semester and present the results in a seminar paper.

After the second semester, students undertake fieldwork on projects and programmes in international development cooperation in developing countries. This will form the empirical basis of their MA thesis project.

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In the third semester, students concentrate on writing up their thesis, which must contain theory, methodology and the results of the fieldwork. The thesis is designed to demonstrate the student's ability to embed the research in the scientific debate and communicate it in a clear and coherent way.

Target group

Young professionals from all over the world with a B.A. or relevant degree and practical experience with relevance to development management.

Course language

Entry requirements

English

- B.A. or relevant degree in political science, social science, law, economics or geography or in other subjects related to the planning and evaluation of development programmes and projects
- At least two years' career experience in a relevant field; preference is given to candidates whose employers offer a reintegration guarantee
- Minimum certified proficiency in written and spoken English TOEFL: 79-80 points internet based (equivalent to 213 points computer based or 550 paper based) or IELTS: Band 6.0

Degree awarded

Master of Arts in Development Management

Course begins

September 2014 (biannually)

Course duration

18 months

Duration of German language course prior to beginning of programme

2 months (for students awarded a DAAD-scholarship)

Application deadline

31 July 2013 at the German Embassy/DAAD Regional Office; 31 August 2013 at the DAAD in Bonn; 15 October 2013 at the University.

Remarks

Throughout the entire programme we offer intensive coaching. Research Fellows of the IEE act as mentors to small groups of up to 3-4 students especially for the MA thesis projects.

The MA in Development Management cooperates with the Institute for Development and Peace (INEF) and the Institute of Political Science of the University Duisburg-Essen within the UAMR Graduate Centre for Development Studies.

The MA in Development Management is furthermore the twin course of the Bochum Programme of Development Management at the University of the Western Cape, which is part of the South African-German Centre for Development Research and Criminal Justice.

Two summer schools on Methods of Empirical Social Research and Development Practice (held in Germany and in South Africa) together with the students of the Bochum Programme of Development Management at the South African-German Centre for Development Research at the University of the Western Cape, are part of the programme.

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