

This university-to-university agreement dates back to 1972 and is based on a bilateral cultural agreement between the then Chancellor of Germany, Helmut Schmidt and the then Prime Minister of Canada, Pierre Elliot Trudeau. Since then, about 180 German students have participated in this exchange program who mainly study Germanic and Slavic languages, Mathematics or Computer Sciences. This agreement has been joined by other universities from Canada (see below) and about 340 Canadian students have studied at the Universität Mannheim since the program started. The program is designed for students as well as faculty members.

Language students who want to participate in the exchange program should have at least third year standing (i.e. "Vordiplom" or "Zwischenprüfung" + two semesters) and are expected to have a good to excellent academic record. Students of Mathematics and Computer Sciences should have second year standing and achieve a reasonable result in the TOEFL Test. Applicants are screened and selected by their departments, the "Akademisches Auslandsamt" and the International Office respectively.

Two of the up to 25 Canadian students can apply for a DAAD grant and another student receives his accommodation financed by a foundation. All credits acquired are accepted by the home university. Up to ten German students enjoy a tuition waiver. In addition, language students may receive a grant (CDN \$ 2000) and may prolong their stay for another year to do a M.A. degree. The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages offers a teaching assistantship (CDN \$ 2500) to graduate language students.

The exchange lasts one year and German students usually receive special leave status for that time.

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