

Universität des Saarlandes

Dept. of Geography

Simon Fraser University

All departments, Geography

This program has been recently changed into a trilateral program, transferring the main program elements to Cologne. The IAS program includes now SFU, Cologne and Saarbrücken. Thus, students from Saarbrücken have the opportunity to participate in the program, provided that they achieved outstanding marks in their studies.

This exchange program runs under the DAAD - IAS scheme and is designed for up to four German students, of whom one may come from Saarbrücken. Just as in Cologne, access is restricted to students of the Geography Department whereas the Canadian students can come from all departments. The Canadian students can either go to Saarbrücken or to Cologne. The exchange program is for students only.

Requirements are, apart from an above average result in the "Vordiplom" or "Zwischenprüfung", also a score of at least 600 points at the TOEFL Test and an interview in English, in which the students are expected to prove they have sufficient knowledge about Canada (history, geography and politics).

The German participants are selected by a committee of one representative of the "Akademisches Auslandsamt", one lecturer from a separate department and the lecturer who manages the program.

The Canadian participants are selected by a similar committee at the SFU.

For German students, the program covers the tuition fees (reduced to domestic level) at the partner university, a flat rate for travel expenses, health insurance and a monthly allowance ("Teilstipendium") for living costs (about DM 800 currently). German students have to pay for the admission fees to the TOEFL Test and for their visa.

For students from Vancouver, there is a supportive grant, which covers part of the living costs either in Cologne or Saarbrücken. The program is financed by the universities involved and the DAAD.

There were three students only from Cologne in Vancouver last year and one Canadian in Cologne under this program. But this year, there are four German students at the Simon Fraser University including one student from Saarbrücken and one Canadian student is studying in Cologne this year.

For the time of the exchange (two trimesters/ one semester), students remain enrolled at their home university but receive leave status.

Students are recommended to apply for the exchange soon after the "Vordiplom" or "Zwischenprüfung".

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