

German-Arab Master's Programme in the Field of Transition Economics, beginning August 2010.

In August 2010, the bi-cultural German-Arab Master's programme "Economic Change in the Arab Region – ECAR" organized by the University of Marburg and Damascus University in Syria, will be matriculating students for the second time. The programme is aimed at young professionals from Germany, Syria and other Arab countries who already hold a first university degree and includes study phases both in Syria and in Germany.

The Programme

The 20-month programme structure takes an interdisciplinary and integrative approach that goes beyond addressing questions related to the economics in the Arab region. The economic and business conditions in the Arab cultural area are reflected in the curriculum along with the socio-cultural aspects. In content and methodology this programme for academic professionals in economic fields provides a practice and need-oriented opportunity for continued education that places special emphasis on the development of intercultural communication skills. Intercultural communication and management skills are trained through collective work in small mixed groups, placing graduates in a position to work together effectively in the future – on international projects for the scientific-technological cooperation or the development cooperation, for instance.

Instruction is in English; completion of the course results in a joint Master's degree conferred by the two participating universities.

For this programme, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) will award 10 scholarships to German and 10 scholarships to Arab applicants.

Who can participate?

Target group for this postgraduate course are young professionals in the field of economics with some practical work experience.

Applications are open to participants from the following countries: Germany, Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Yemen. Participants from Lebanon and Iraq – subject to possible correction – can also apply.

DAAD Sponsorship

German scholarship recipients are awarded a partial scholarship in the amount of € 600 per person and month **during the study phase abroad**, plus a lump-sum allowance for flight expenses, as well as health, accident and liability insurance.

Arab scholarship recipients are awarded a full scholarship in the amount of €540 per person and month during the study phase in Syria and € 750 during the study phase in Germany, plus a lump-sum allowance for flight expenses, as well as health, accident and liability insurance.

Further information and applications

For further information, please visit the Website of this course (www.uni-marburg.de/fb02/ecar).

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Closing date for applications at the University of Marburg is **15th of March 2010**.