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APPLICATION

Application forms for the following academic year can be downloaded from the website each spring. The application form, which must be legible and complete, should only be received between 1 May and 30 June. Late and early applications cannot be considered. All applicants will be informed about the outcome of their application. The Foundation's articles of association do not provide award winners with a legal claim for support by the BCCG Foundation.



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Talentierte Nachwuchs zu erreichen – und zwar rechtzeitig – das ist eine Lösung im „War for Talents“. Die BCCG-Foundation bietet Unternehmen diesen Ansatz. Die 1983 gegründete Stiftung bürgerlichen Rechts stellt Kontakte von Studierenden zur Industrie her: Unternehmen wie Rolls-Royce in Ludwigsfelde bei Berlin dürfen ihren Wunschkandidaten auswählen und ermöglichen ihrem Stipendiaten aus dem Bereich Maschinenbau neben dem Stipendium zudem einen Praktikumsplatz oder die Begleitung bei der Diplomarbeit – sofern gewünscht. So werden gute Kontakte aufgebaut, die der Grundstein für eine weitere bzw. spätere erfolgreiche Zusammenarbeit sein können. Diese Anschubfinanzierung wird vom akademischen Nachwuchs sehr geschätzt.

Die BCCG Foundation verleiht ausschließlich Teilstipendien an junge Briten und Deutsche für einen Studienaufenthalt in Deutschland bzw. im Vereinten Königreich. Ziel ist die Förderung der Völkerverständigung und der kulturellen Beziehungen zwischen beiden Ländern. Dieses Stipendium deckt nicht die Kosten des Aufenthaltes, sondern stellt lediglich eine zusätzliche finanzielle Unterstützung dar.

Voraussetzung für die Bewerbung ist ein abgeschlossenes Bachelor-Studium. Bewerberinnen und Bewerber aus den Fachbereichen Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Ingenieurwesen oder Jura sollten sich im Rahmen ihres Master-Studiengangs um ein Auslandssemester in Großbritannien bzw. Deutschland bemühen. Vorgezogen werden Studierende, die bisher noch keine Auslands-Studienerfahrungen machen konnten – generell, aber natürlich insbesondere in Großbritannien bzw. Deutschland. Der Nachweis eines Studienbeginns ist Voraussetzung für die Auszahlung in Form einer Einmalzahlung an die erfolgreichen Bewerber. Für Fragen, wie Sie und Ihr Unternehmen mit der BCCG Foundation zusammenarbeiten und qualifizierten Nachwuchs an sich binden können, wenden Sie sich bitte an:

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STUDYING AT THE “HOME OF GOLF”

St Andrews is not only well-known for its famous golf courses but for its great university, founded back in the 15th century. After completing my Bachelor of Arts in European Studies – an interdisciplinary program of law, business administration, history and European culture studies – at the University of Passau, I decided to broaden my knowledge and skills in the field of business. Universities in the UK are known for offering master's programmes in management for students with a non-business-related undergraduate degree: the perfect opportunity for me.

St Andrews offered a perfectly planned orientation programme, which made it more than easy to get acquainted with other international students, as well as with native British students. A proper social life is the basis for successful academic performance. Also, several sports and cultural societies offer great opportunities for everyone to integrate into university life. Due to the long tradition of golf in St Andrews, I started to learn how to play the sport, and joined the Men's Golf Club. The university offers affordable golf lessons taught by pros of the St Andrews Links Golf Academy.

Social life and sports are important, but my top priority during my time in Fife is to give my best toward completing my master's degree with the best possible results. As a conversion programme for business studies, the MLitt in Management offers insights into the key academic fields of this discipline: corporate finance, accounting, marketing, human resource management and strategic management. I am fascinated by the way of teaching at the University of St Andrews. The personal contact to professors is very close. Working in preassigned (international) groups improves our interpersonal and intercultural collaborative skills and teamwork. Being able to adjust our own perspectives to a global context and find compromises will be an important part of our future professional lives, so every chance to practice these skills is important.

In conclusion, I would gladly choose the University of St Andrews again. It offers a warm, welcoming atmosphere in which to study; and I have had the feeling of being part of a family from the very first day. I want to thank the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany, the BCCG Foundation and British Airways for their very generous support. You sustained my academic career in a special way, and I am very grateful for that. Thank you.

Markus Tannerbauer, Deggendorf
University of St Andrews
MLitt in Management, 2016/2017





GREETINGS FROM THE NORTH

After completing my degree in business psychology and international management at the Cologne Business School last summer, I wanted to continue my exploration of international and cross-cultural realities and their effects on a world where

distance no longer matters. By having over 6,000 international students from more than 120 countries, Newcastle University offers unique opportunities to meet and work with people from all over the world. Already within my first months in Newcastle, I was able to increase my knowledge of British habits and traditions. Additionally, by working in groups and meeting up after lectures, I also got involved with people from other countries and cultures, such as from South East Asia and Latin America, which has been an exciting experience.

My chosen programme – MSc International Business Management – focusses on theoretical basics, as well as their practical applications to real-case scenarios, and is taught by renowned lecturers and experienced guest speakers from industry and politics. I am enjoying learning from a variety of sources, as well as the programme's more practical and problem-solving approach, compared to the theoretical methods employed in my undergrad studies.

Moreover, there are countless extra-curricular activities here to meet interesting people and develop an international network of contacts. A few weeks ago, I joined a global case competition supported by the Newcastle University Business School, where I had the opportunity to provide a global company with strategic recommendations. Our team was made up of international students from six different universities in six different time zones and three continents. This enabled me to gain valuable experience, as well as make new friends around the world.

Fascinated by my current specialisation in international entrepreneurship, I still believe that a single individual can impact global developments and the lives of many people. Nowadays, there are countless possibilities for students and young professionals to work around the world and get in touch with different cultures in exciting environments. I am very grateful for the opportunity to study in the UK and I would like to thank the members and volunteers of the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany and British Airways for making my scholarship possible. It is helping me to focus on my studies and to enhance my abilities and experience, so that I may contribute – at least a little bit – to making the world a better place.

Jessica Krings,
Newcastle University



AS A PHYSICIST INTO THE WORLD OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Who would have thought, when I began my undergraduate studies in physics in 2010 at Heidelberg University, that I would end up as an MSc

Finance student at Imperial College Business School in London. To be fair, my journey was not straightforward. It included a second bachelor's degree in economics, a master's degree in physics and various internships at consulting firms and research facilities in Germany and abroad. While being indecisive about which field to focus on, I slowly confronted my urge to start a professional career. Ironically, it was at the time of writing my master's thesis in Berkeley that I finally made the decision to leave physics and complete my education with a one-year master's program in finance.

While living in California's Bay Area for 9 months, I learned to appreciate the benefits of a multicultural and progressive society. London therefore seemed to be the ideal next location, as it is one of the few truly international metropolises in Europe. With all its sub-cultures, it offers an infinite variety of restaurants, pubs, theatres and museums, so that new exciting places to discover and explore can always be found. After all, life in London is vibrant, fast-paced and never gets boring.

Being a student at a UK institution is very different to what I was used to in Germany. Firstly, the student body is truly international. Consequently, discussions in and outside the classroom are stimulating, as viewpoints from different cultural backgrounds usually are involved. Apart from being inspired by the work ethic of my classmates, I find the academic excellence of the teaching staff impressive. Given the small size of the class, it is much easier to participate in debates with professors, and thereby benefit the most from their knowledge. Due to Imperial College's historic focus on science and engineering, the content of our lectures is also more quantitative than it might be at other universities. While some of my classmates find it challenging to solve math problems or code in Matlab, I enjoy it very much, as it reminds me of the field I come from.

Overall, I feel that studying toward the Master's degree in Finance at Imperial College was the right choice, as it is effectively preparing me for continuing my journey into the world of business and finance. I am grateful to the BCCG and British Airways for awarding me the BCCG Scholarship.

Jonathan Neff,
Imperial College Business School, London



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN A COSMOPOLITAN CITY

A few months ago, I started my M.A. in International Relations at King's College London. I can honestly say that I am enjoying every single day of my studies. I get to meet incredibly interesting people, am able to study fascinating modules under

the guidance of extremely well-qualified and able lecturers, and get to discover a vibrant and beautiful city that never gets boring.

Having previously studied in a fairly small Bavarian city, the difference between my undergraduate and graduate courses could not be greater. While I did thoroughly enjoy my bachelor's degree, there is something much more cosmopolitan about London. Here, my fellow students come from all over the world, so that I get to hear all sorts of different opinions on world events during our seminar discussions, or even when we just go for a coffee. Particularly since I study international relations, I always try to avoid an excessively Eurocentric view of the world; debating with friends and acquaintances from India, Botswana or Saudi Arabia really helps to broaden my perspective.

The course itself is also highly interesting. In addition to my core module in international relations theory, I was able to choose two optional modules. I ended up with a module on authoritarianism, for which I am currently writing a paper on Egypt's relapse into authoritarianism after a short-lived democratic spell, and a module in strategic communications, in which we cover topics including the communication strategies of Russia or the so-called Islamic State, and of course Donald Trump's mind-boggling election campaign.

I also have countless opportunities to attend panel talks and lectures at King's College London by some of the world's leading academics, politicians and philosophers. Needless to say, there are also endless possibilities to spend evenings in a more relaxed manner by visiting one of London's countless theatres, concert venues, restaurants, bars etc. I have also joined the university orchestra, in which I play the violin. In addition to the musical challenge and the element of fun, this has also enabled me to make friends with many students on other university courses, both under- and post-graduate.

Despite being one of the best cities to live in as a student in all other respects, London is notoriously expensive – which is why I am so incredibly grateful to the BCCG and British Airways for supporting me and giving me the opportunity to make the most of my year in England.

Sophia Krauel,
King's College London



STUDYING AT LSE: RERUM COGNOSCERE CAUSAS

After having had a very positive experience working at The Peninsula School in Australia as part of a year of volunteer social service, I craved the opportunity to spend more time abroad. I could not, and still cannot, think of a better place to combine living and studying than in one of the world's most exciting and culturally rich cities: London.

I eventually decided that the Master of Laws programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science with its intellectual opportunities and challenges was the one that suited me best, and thus made the course my number one choice. LSE's motto (Rerum cognoscere causas, in English: To Know the Causes of Things) is one that I find to be fitting for the study of law, since knowing the law often means knowing the Causes of Things and ultimately having an insight into a country's society and its social and political processes.

LSE provides students with the opportunity to discuss and analyse current legal problems with lecturers and fellow students from an international perspective. I am particularly interested in international legal contexts within the field of corporate law. I find that an exciting aspect of pursuing graduate studies at LSE is that my fellow students with their wide variety of backgrounds and traditions have different approaches to, and ways of thinking about, solving legal problems. This fuels and guarantees discussions of a very high standard. The LSE's teaching methods, which feature small group seminars, also offer the perfect environment for such lively discussions.

Besides being a great opportunity academically, London is a city like no other – where you can literally find something new to do or discover every single day, be it musicals, operas, museums, famous sights, sporting activities or restaurants. I, for example, have found great pleasure in enjoying the Indian cuisine in Brick Lane. It is also essential to mention that every university in London that I know of has a wide variety of student societies devoted to everything from salsa dancing to pizza baking, or to enjoying the culture of numerous countries (Israel Society, Germany Society, Japan Society...).

All in all, this has been one of the best years of my life. I have not once regretted my decision to come to London.

Juan Garcia Jacobsen, Düsseldorf
(currently London, School of Economics and Political Science)

CROESO I ABERYSTWYTH – WELCOME TO ABER!

After having studied law in Germany for three years, I wanted to gain some study and life experience abroad. I chose Aberystwyth because it offers many modules in human rights and international law, which is my focus of study, and maintains an Erasmus-cooperation with my home university in Heidelberg. I can already say it has been one of the best decisions of my life.

Aberystwyth, often simply called 'Aber', is a charming little town on the Welsh coast. Only a few minutes' walk from the town centre, the university itself is located on a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside and the sea. I arrived here in late September and instantly felt welcome. During Freshers Week, I got to know the university and town, including the seafront where my student accommodation is located. When teaching started, I was happy to find that I enjoyed the modules I had chosen, very much. The content matched exactly what I had wanted to educate myself on further, and I was being taught by excellent professionals. What I found most remarkable was that law in the UK is taught in a more practical way, with students being encouraged to discuss and defend their points of view in moot courts. I enjoyed this so much that I joined the university's Mooting Society.

I conducted research and completed a dissertation in the field of human trafficking law, in which I am planning to work after my studies. What helped me gather ideas for this was my participation as a delegate of ELSA in a UNODC conference on transnational organised crime in Vienna last October. Soon, I will begin another dissertation in human rights law that I intend to count towards my German law degree. Apart from this, I will obtain a UG Diploma in English Law from Aberystwyth upon completion of this year.

In addition to my studies, I have become involved in the student community, which I quickly felt myself a part of. Currently, I am acting as a student representative and belong to the Archery Society and the Erasmus Society. I really enjoy the socials, which are an important part of student life. I have experienced the local culture (local food, Celtic dancing) and have travelled around the UK with other international students and friends.

My year in Aber has vastly surpassed my expectations. I could not have wished for a friendlier and more supportive environment to study and live in. I am continually benefiting, both academically and personally, and have made friends for life. I would like to thank the BCCG for their generous support.

Helena Mulawa

THE BEAVER AND I – MY YEAR AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

There is so much to say about my year of studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Not only was (and is) it a fantastic opportunity to spend a year in one of the world's most vibrant and stimulating cities that blends modernism with well-established English traditions (I really enjoyed, for instance, the lively pub culture.); London also boasts several renowned universities and a respective environment filled with students from across the globe. This is particularly true of the LSE and its heraldic animal, the beaver (industrial, but with social habits), who warmly welcomed me in September 2016 as a student of the Masters of Law programme (LL.M.).

At LSE, I found what I was looking for as an already qualified German lawyer: the opportunity to approach legal studies from a perspective that is radically different to any in Germany. Given that the German legal education emphasises the technical aspects of how, in fact, to apply the law, I was hoping that the LSE would take a different approach. After only a few weeks I found that this hope would be more than fulfilled. I chose a broad spectrum of courses, ranging from Philosophy and Dispute Resolution to EU classes, with the latter being even more important given the post-Brexit referendum era. We, in fact, did "law" in all these courses – but, frankly, nothing about its actual application. Instead, we studied the law's implications for both social and political interaction, and the precursors shaping and influencing our legal system. While I was there, the LSE also hosted several first-class speakers and discussion panels on all kinds of hot topics, whether in the fields of law, politics, economics, literature or the arts.

It was, of course, a lot more than a purely academic experience. The LSE, like other UK universities as well, accommodates a huge variety of interests. This was, at least for me, most engaging in the case of the LSE Football Club, which has no less than seven teams competing in various university leagues across London and South East England. Being a member of the 1st team not only opened avenues for an again fundamentally different perspective on my fellow students, it allowed me to explore areas in and around London that I might not otherwise have encountered.

Max Blome,
London School of Economics





"IF YOU LIKE CHALLENGES, THERE IS NO GREATER TIME TO BE ALIVE." (LESTER BROWN)

The BREXIT and the US election have crucially shaped the year 2016 and it seems that political disintegration, protectionism and nationalization is more en vogue than ever before. That I got the chance to study International Political Economy at the London School of Economics (LSE) exactly to a time that is distinguished through such a profound international transformation is an ironic accident, an inspiring challenge and a great learning opportunity at the same time.

Throughout my bachelor's at Zeppelin University, I developed from a slightly naive high school student, who wants to make a difference in the world, to an interdisciplinary graduate, who has acquired the professional toolset to do so. Following this objective, the master program at the LSE was the perfect link to deepen my knowledge in economics and political science in a highly diverse and vibrant environment. Hereby, the LSE is one of the most international universities in the world as 69% of its student body is from overseas. This does not only inspire the scholarly debates inside the classroom but also the discussions about current international politics in the pub on campus afterwards.

When I am asked about my studies in London, I always answer that my master program is an environment where academic excellence meets a deep passion for economics and politics combined with an aptitude for outside-the-box-thinking. And this is true for both my professors and fellow students. Inspired by this education community, I am fancying with the idea to stay in academia by pursuing a doctoral degree in a few years. Of course, London has not only the LSE. Instead, its multicultural society and the never-sleeping vibe of a metropole makes my master studies to an even greater life time period.

All of these experiences would not be possible without the help that I receive from many sides. With this in mind, I especially would like to express my deep gratefulness to the British Chamber of Commerce Germany and the Anglo-German Club e.V. for their scholarship. Their generous support allows me to focus on my studies and make the best out of my time here in London that prepares me for the sociopolitical challenges that are ahead of us.

Michael Ganslmeier,
Grafenhaun, currently London

STUDYING IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE



With students from 160 countries and more than 100 languages spoken on campus, the atmosphere at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) can truly be called international. During my studies, I have met people from all over the world and among my closest friends at LSE are students from India, Bolivia, Canada, Turkey, England and Germany.

Exchanging experiences with them has been both a unique and a highly enriching experience. It allowed me to get authentic insights into life in countries with very different cultural and political backgrounds.

Apart from being culturally diverse, the LSE is also an intellectually stimulating place. As a graduate student in economics, I have had the pleasure to be taught by professors who belong to the top researchers in their fields. In my specialisation course, Monetary Economics, I have learned a lot about central banks and how they can conduct monetary policies effectively during the current phase of extremely low interest rates. Taking this course has strengthened my wish to work in a central bank after having completed my master's programme.

Apart from that, the London School of Economics hosts many public lectures with internationally renowned guest speakers. For instance, I had the chance to attend lectures by Amartya Sen (Nobel laureate), Martin Schulz (former president of the European Parliament) and Mark Carney (Governor of the Bank of England).

What makes studying at the LSE an even greater experience is that its campus is in the heart of London. Covent Garden, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tate Modern and the British Museum are all within walking distance. And if you simply want to escape from university life and relax, the River Thames is just a stone's throw away. Just like the LSE, London is very vibrant and multicultural. And even though Brexit has been a dominant topic during my time in London, I have always experienced the city as a very welcoming and open place.

Nuri Khayal,
LSE London