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Study on “Researchers’ International Mobility”

Dear Sir or Madam,

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has commissioned Prognos AG to conduct a study on the issue of “Researchers’ International Mobility”. The DAAD is the world’s largest organisation for the international exchange of students and researchers.

The study aims to identify what information contributes to researchers’ decisions on research stays abroad. One key element of the study is an online survey. It is the first international survey that asks mobile and non-mobile researchers about their mobility behaviour.

In order to conduct the online survey, we need support from higher education and research institutions from around the world with direct access to potential survey participants. Therefore, we kindly ask you to spread the word through your communications channels and encourage researchers at your institution to participate in this online survey.

The results of the survey will be published in German and English and provided to all participating institutions free of charge. This will allow you to benefit from the findings as well.

The Prognos AG team will contact you to discuss various ways you can participate along with other important details. The data obtained from the online survey will be treated confidentially and will be analysed and used in an anonymised and aggregated form for the sole purpose of this study.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cordula Klaus (cordula.klaus@prognos.com) or Anne Knab (knab@daad.de).

Yours sincerely,


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