



## RESEARCH AMBASSADORS & MENTORING PROGRAM AUSTRALIA – RAMP MEETING – SYDNEY 28 – 30 MARCH 2014

### Invitation and Call for Presentations

The second annual Research Ambassadors and Mentoring Program (RAMP) Meeting will be held in Sydney from March 28 – 30, 2014.

The DAAD and the AvH would like to invite all registered and prospective mentors, mentees and research ambassadors to this meeting. You will find a preliminary programme below.

RAMP Australia was founded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in 2012 and aims to provide mentoring to early career researchers in Australia. The aim of the scheme is for experienced researchers (mentors) to provide advice and mentoring with regard to the stated career goals and aims of an early or mid-career researcher (mentee).

If you are not currently registered as a research ambassador, mentor or mentee but would like to become one, please tick the appropriate box on the attached registration form. We particularly welcome interest from PhD candidates and early-career researchers (post-docs) who would like to become mentees.

At the meeting, prospective mentees as well as registered mentees who haven't been matched with a mentor yet will have the opportunity to give a brief presentation (5-10 minutes) about their current research. The presentation should be aimed at a general scholarly audience and is the perfect opportunity for mentees to meet leading academics, researchers and potential mentors in their field.

For those coming from outside Sydney, funding for two nights' stay at a hotel (tba) as well as AUD 400 to support travel costs are available. Certificates of attendance can be issued upon request for university funding applications.

Please note that as this meeting is intended to strengthen the ties between DAAD alumni, AvH alumni, mentors, mentees and research ambassadors, it is limited to those groups only.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 28.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Kind regards,  
Joern, Elisabeth & Tuelay

## **Preliminary Programme:**

Travel to Sydney on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning

**Friday night:** German Film Festival – *The Strange Little Cat*

Chauvel Cinema (Oxford Street), 6pm

DAAD and AvH are happy to provide free tickets for all participants of the meeting!

**Saturday:** Start of official programme

from 9.30am            Coffee and pastries

10am-11am            Welcome & presentation of RAMP website

### **Coffee break**

11.30am                Workshop *Addressing Selection Criteria for Jobs in Academia*

12.30pm                Lunch (own expense): Explore the many restaurants in the area –  
we're happy to give you pointers!

2pm-3pm                Short presentations by prospective mentees (tbc)

### **Coffee break**

3.30pm-5pm            Seminar with Dr Maren Goerdel, *The Importance of Leadership Skills  
in Reaching Your Academic Goals* (tbc)

around 8pm            RAMP Dinner (included)

**Sunday:**

10am                    Closing Discussion (Panel)

11am-3pm              Art and Sports in the Domain (depending on weather conditions)  
Meet in the Domain, play cricket (any volunteers for  
instructions?), have a BBQ and/or visit the Art Gallery of NSW