

Southeast Asian Studies

Research Attachment Programme

What is the Research Attachment Programme?

The research attachment programme is hosted by the Southeast Asian Studies of Goethe University. During this period of time, students will conduct research in cooperation with the Malaysian national trade agency, MATRADE. There are two possible duties during the research attachment. Placement will depend on what the student prefers as well as the needs of MATRADE:

- 1) Business matching: There are approximately 9 trade fairs every year where Malaysian companies are involved. Before/during the fair, students will be responsible for matching the Malaysian company with German companies that might be interested in their products. Students will do research on which companies would be suitable and would call the representatives of the companies to pitch Malaysian products to them.
(Language: German and English)
- 2) Research, of which there are at least 2 components (Language: German and English)
 - a. Market alerts: Students will research the relevant developments in the European Union (for instance, legislation that affects business interests of Germans in Malaysia or vice versa), and write 2-page market alerts as and when needed.
 - b. Sectoral reports: In-depth research on a particular section. This will be determined by the needs of MATRADE at that point. 20-30 pages.

Other duties may also be assigned in consultation with MATRADE.

What is MATRADE?

MATRADE is the Malaysian national trade promotion agency. Mission statement: "MATRADE's mission to promote Malaysia's export has enabled many local companies to carve new frontiers in global markets. Today as we continue to put the spotlight on capable Malaysian companies on the international stage, we are helping make the phrase 'Made-In-Malaysia' synonymous with excellence, reliability and trustworthiness." MATRADE general website: <http://www.matrade.gov.my/>

When do research attachments start?

Students are free to arrange the research attachment period with the SOAW department and with MATRADE. Students may be taken up during the semester, although most research attachments would most likely require students to complete it during the semester holidays in order to fulfil the required hours.

How long are the research attachments?

The standard time is 4 weeks Full-time or 8 weeks Part-time.

What are the research attachment requirements to receive CPs?

There are 4 possible ways of conducting a research attachment and receiving CPs.

- 1) BA mit Auslandssemester: 6 CPs. Hausarbeit: 15 pages.
- 2) BA without Auslandssemester: 5 CPs. Hausarbeit: 10 pages.
- 3) MA students:
 - a) Module 2.3 (Scientific practice and softskills): 6 CPs. Hausarbeit: report.
 - b) Module "Studium Generale": maximum of 12CPs.

Other details:

- 1) 1 CP ~ 30 hours.
- 2) Students who are taking SOAW as a Nebenfach can sign-up for a research attachment without receiving CPs.
- 3) In case of limited place, priority will be given to SOAW Hauptfach students first and then SOAW Nebenfach students.

Contact

For more information on the Research Attachment Programme, please don't hesitate to contact us!

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