

MEDIA ALERT

International Summit: From Brain Drain to Brain Circulation: Graduate Education for Global Career Pathways

The Sixth Annual Strategic Leaders Global Summit on Graduate Education

Co-hosted by the Council of Graduate Schools & the
Technische Universität München

15 countries will be represented

**September 4-6, 2012
Seeon, Germany**

Overview

From September 4-6, 2012, the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) and the Technische Universität München (TUM) will convene the Sixth Annual Strategic Leaders Global Summit on Graduate Education. The summit will address pressing questions for national economies and education systems:

- What do the patterns of graduate student mobility look like today, and how might they be changing?
- What are the potential impacts of these changes on the social and economic well-being of different nations and regions?
- Is the concept of “brain drain” still relevant in a world where research and development networks are globalizing?
- What “global skills” do students need to be successful in their careers?

Event Details

The event will take place at the [Kloster Seeon](#) in Bavaria, Germany, with sessions open to media guests on September 6, 2012. This year’s summit will assemble 38 leaders in graduate education who will represent a diverse range of national graduate education systems. Presentations will be made by speakers from 15 countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China (PRC and Hong Kong), Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, and the United States.

Topic

The 2012 Summit theme, “From Brain Drain to Brain Circulation: Graduate Education for Global Career Pathways,” has been chosen for its relevance to all graduate institutions worldwide. There are strong signs that familiar models of “brain drain” are changing or

likely to change in the near future. Many countries are making new investments in graduate education and research that are likely to affect mobility patterns of students and future researchers.

In addition to addressing concerns about brain drain and its impacts, the summit will also examine the idea of “brain circulation,” a more optimistic model for the circulation of global talent. Global R&D networks, along with new technologies for communication and collaborations, now make it possible for academics and research professionals to work in and between different international locations, stimulating research that benefits multiple economies and institutions. The 2012 Global Summit will focus on the role of graduate institutions in supporting new pathways of brain circulation and preparing future research professionals to create and share knowledge across local and global contexts.

Participants will explore these topics with the aim of developing an international statement of common values, effective practices, and priorities for future action.

Outcomes and Press Release

CGS and TUM will share the summit outcomes and resulting consensus statement at a press conference to be held on **September 6 at 12:30 p.m. CEST.**

Journalists are invited to:

- Conduct interviews with the leaders of the sponsoring institutions, Debra W. Stewart, President of the Council of Graduate Schools, and Professor Ernst Rank, Dean of the Graduate School at TUM. Arrangements may also be made to interview summit leaders from specific countries.
- Attend open sessions on the final day of the summit, September 6, and the press conference. Speakers will be available to discuss the consensus statement and answer questions about topics relevant to their countries and institutions.

Background

The CGS global summit is the only annual, international forum for leaders in graduate education. Past summits have explored topics such as program quality, dual degree programs, and graduate career outcomes.

Press Contact

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