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Helmut Dockter

**Short term study grants in North Rhine-Westphalia for students
from Israel;
Call 2012**

Dear Mr. / Mrs.

North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) is the largest and, economically, the strongest state of Germany's 16 states. More than 18 million people live between the Rhine and Weser rivers, or roughly as many people as in Australia or the state of New York.

Based on its long and strong connections to Israel, North Rhine-Westphalia has been running a scholarship program for Israeli students at universities and universities of applied sciences in NRW since 2004.

This scholarship program is one of the outcomes of an agreement signed in 2004 between North Rhine-Westphalia and Israel, aiming at intensifying cooperation in the areas of higher education, research and the transfer of technology.

Each year, North Rhine – Westphalia's universities and research institutes received around 15 Israeli students so far. Several of these short term study and research stays already led to further scientific co-operation between student, sending and host institution.

After this successful implementation in the past years, the Government of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia decided to extend this program till 2013.

By this letter I am now calling for applications for 2012!

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Please find attached the full description of the grant program plus an appropriate application form.

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The program and the form can also be downloaded from

<http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/shortcuts/NRW-Nahost-Foerderprogramme>.

Please be aware of the deadline for applications: **1 March, 2012**.

We kindly ask you to make the call for applications available to your teaching staff and especially to the students of your institution. This letter will also be sent as e-mail to a couple of scientists at Israeli universities and research institutions.

We are looking forward to applications of your highly-qualified students and thus wish to further strengthen the academic bonds between our states.

Yours sincerely,

signed

Helmut Dockter

(Deputy Minister for Innovation, Science and Research
of North Rhine-Westphalia)