FZD research projects
FZD is involved in several projects with car and motorcycle manufacturers and automotive suppliers. For example, FZD is working on predictive suspension control strategies and advanced driver assistant systems. Therefore, the automotive institute owns a plurality of test vehicles like Mercedes E- & S-Class, BMW i3, cars and motorcycles from Honda and many more.

Equipment
As FZD has also research projects in brake technology, cargo load safety, and driving simulator technology, the institute is equipped with many test rigs, e.g., hydraulic pulse generator and flywheel dynamometer, a wheeled mobile driving simulator etc.

Furthermore, FZD uses the university own test track on the August Euler Airfield in Griesheim for its research.

Darmstadt and TUD
Darmstadt is a city with 150k inhabitants and about 30k students. It is approximately 35 km (22 miles) south of Frankfurt. You can reach many exciting areas of Germany and of Europe easily. Technische Universität Darmstadt (TUD) is one of Germany’s best universities for mechanical engineering, as confirmed by all known rankings.

Application

Prerequisites
- enrolled as a student at a participating partner university (currently Virginia Tech and University at Buffalo) during program
- Graduate or advanced undergraduate student
- General interest in automotive technologies
- High academic standing
- Willingness to explore German culture and language
- Participation in extracurricular activities
- US driver’s license

Deadlines:
- VT/UB: please contact your international affairs office
- TU-Darmstadt: Feb. 28th, 2017

Application process
For more information please visit: www.fzd.tu-darmstadt.de/aesg
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We offer:
- Studying automotive technology in Germany, where the automobile was born and most of the premium cars are developed and produced
- Studying at one of Germany's best universities for mechanical engineering
- Experiencing the cutting edge of automotive research
- Execution of a research project together with German students

And furthermore:
- Global experience
- The opportunity to travel within Europe
- Learn the German language
- More free time during following semesters – for leisure or to focus on your research
- Becoming acquainted with the German culture

The program consists of three automotive engineering classes (Trends in Automotive Engineering, Advanced Design Project, Automotive Engineering Lab) and a language & culture course. Start in Germany will be on May 22nd, 2017. Duration of the program is 11 weeks (until August 4th, 2017). Afterwards, you will have time to travel around Europe before fall semester in the US begins.

### Classes

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**Trends in Automotive Engineering** is an extension of the knowledge about motor vehicles through lectures on current research topics of FZD's scientific employees, as well as field trips. **Advanced Design Project** is a team project about an automotive topic. A possible topic is the design of a module for Darmstadt's Formula Student Racing Team. You will work hand in hand with German students. **Automotive Engineering Lab** is a combination of lectures and experiments. In experiments theoretical knowledge is put into practice.

Classes will mainly be held in English, so that German skills are not necessary before traveling to Europe. Nevertheless, there will be plenty of opportunities to improve your German skills.

Source: DART racing

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### About FZD Staff

Automotive Engineering at Technische Universität Darmstadt (FZD) is a chair and a research institution within the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Head of FZD is Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Hermann Winner. FZD employs 18 scientific assistants (PhD-students), one chief engineer, several lecturers and administrative staff. Research at FZD is supported substantially by the institute's own mechanic and electronic workshops.

FZD faculty and staff 2016

**Research at FZD**
The scientific employees do research with the support of student assistants primarily in six fields: Driver Assistance Systems, Vehicle Dynamics, Motorcycle, Safety, Brake Technology, and Test Methods.