

The College of New Jersey has recently partnered with Beuth University (the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin) to establish the “Experiential Learning Beuth-American (ELBA) project”. This project builds on 10+ years of collaboration between TCNJ physics chair David McGee and the Beuth department of physics, which has featured the flow of Beuth visiting research students to TCNJ. These students have engaged with TCNJ students and have brought them an international perspective reflective of science in practice. Inspired by this global scientific engagement, a handful of TCNJ students have traveled with Dr. McGee to Germany to reconnect with their laboratory associates and present their research.

Supported by a new award from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Beuth and TCNJ are now able to expand this model to other TCNJ Schools and Beuth departments. Over the course of the next 4 years (2021-2024), DAAD funding will facilitate as many as 24 Beuth students engaging in TCNJ laboratories and as many as 24 TCNJ students participating in science/technology experiential learning facilitated by Beuth University. The project also includes the development and delivery of three Collaborative On-line International (COIL) courses and funds for in-person culminating visits for as many as 36 TCNJ students to German research institutes and cultural institutions. Funds will also support TCNJ faculty and administrative staff training and collaborative engagement with Beuth faculty and administrative staff.

Professor David McGee (mcgeed@tcnj.edu) and CGE Executive Director Christa Olson (olsonc@tcnj.edu) are currently serving as the liaisons with Beuth University for this project and can provide you with more information about the project. For more information about Beuth please see:

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