

Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World New (2022) and follow-up applications (2022–2023)

Programme objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst - DAAD) supports the programme 'Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World' using funds provided by the German Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt – AA).

The goal of the programme is to promote academic and cultural exchange between German higher education institutions and partner institutions (and possibly also non-university actors) in the Muslim world by funding project-related stays, joint discipline-specific, networking and dialogue events, as well as joint development/advancement of curricula/teaching modules/classes.

The programme makes a long-term contribution (**impact**) to increasing inter-cultural dialogue between higher education institutions in Germany and the Muslim world. In addition to this, it contributes sustainably to improving the quality of research and teaching at the partner institutions and to establishing sustainable networks among higher education institutions and non-university actors in the target regions and in Germany. On a **second impact level**, the higher education dialogue with the Muslim world therefore contributes to the development of high-performing cosmopolitan higher education institutions and to promoting dialogue and understanding between Germany and the Muslim world.

The following programme objectives (**outcomes**) are derived from these impacts:

Project objective 1 (outcome 1): The partner higher education institutions offer curricula/teaching modules/classes that suit the local context and reflect the state of the art in science

Project objective 2 (outcome 2): Students and (young) academics have gained further qualifications and inter-cultural skills through discipline-specific and methodological cooperation (taking gender equality into account).

Project objective 3 (outcome 3): Regional teaching and research networks have been established among higher education institutions from one or multiple partner countries (with involvement of non-university actors)

Project objective 4 (outcome 4): The partner institutions maintain networks with non-university actors

These programme objectives should be achieved by means of the following direct results of measures/activities (outputs):

- Curricula/teaching modules/classes that suit the local context and reflect the state of the art in science are jointly developed/advanced
- Students and (young) academics have received further discipline-specific, methodological and inter-cultural training
- Individual contacts between participating higher education institutions and non-university actors have been increased and/or consolidated

The focus areas defined can vary from project to project. A project does not necessarily need to address all programme objectives. The wording of project objectives and ways to achieve objectives allow for some flexibility, but the project objectives must be in line with the programme objectives. The project objectives must be specified based on the programme's impact model. Measurable project objectives and results and related indicators must be specified. These must be outlined in the application and in the project planning sum-

Eligible measures/activities

mary. Regarding the instructions for impact-oriented project planning, the impact model and the list of indicators, please refer to **Attachment 1** 'Guide to Impact-oriented Monitoring'.

Measures/activities eligible for funding (in line with the impact model) are:

- Joint development/advancement of curricula/teaching modules/classes
- Project-related stays for academic and cultural exchange, including study visits, research stays, specialist courses/workshops, internships, teaching
- Arrangement of joint discipline-specific, networking and dialogue events with higher education institutions (and non-university actors where applicable) from the target regions
- Project-related public relations work

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects focussing on research cooperation only

Expenditure eligible for funding

All costs that are necessary for project implementation (implementation of the measures) are eligible for funding.

Personnel resources for project implementation and support

Personnel in Germany

- Research associate
- Academic assistant
- Student assistant
- Other personnel

Personnel abroad (only in the case of forwarding)

- Research associate
- Academic assistant
- Student assistant
- Other personnel

Personnel costs include the gross salary paid by the employer. Annual bonus payments are only eligible for funding during the appropriation period and only insofar as the payment date is within this period.

If there are difficulties in employing student assistants to undertake project-related administrative activities, applications can instead be submitted for expenditure on TV-L employees (up to salary group 8) if required.

The funding amount available for personnel abroad is determined based on the local circumstances.

Equipment funding

- Fees
For external specialist staff (not staff members of the grant recipient) in Germany and in the target region (e.g. consultants, advisers, presenters, workshop organisers, translators, interpreters) according to **Attachment 3** (in Germany: standard fee rates; abroad: fee rates I and II). Regarding adequacy of fee-based activities performed by foreign experts abroad (sur place) and in third states, fees should correspond to those usually paid locally for similar activities.
Expenditure for travel and residence of external specialist staff (experts/trainers) can be reimbursed in addition to the fee, in line with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality and based on supporting documents. Only 2nd class train trips (irrespective of their duration), only economy class flights.

- Travel expenses for project personnel

- Personnel of the grant recipient and forwarding recipient (German higher education institution): Expenditure for travel/flights can be applied for and claimed according to the relevant laws (BRKG/LRKG). By derogation from these laws, compensation is only available for second class rail travel and economy class flights.
- Personnel of the partner higher education institution (forwarding recipient): A country-specific mobility allowance can be asserted for travel from the home country to Germany and back (see **Attachment 2, table 1**)
 - The mobility allowance arises with the first day of the trip and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants or a boarding pass/train ticket. The mobility allowance covers all costs in the context of the trip (this includes travel and flights as well as expenditure for visa, vaccinations, excess luggage, luggage insurance etc.).
- Expenditure for travel within the partner country or third countries can be reimbursed in line with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality and based on supporting documents.
- Stays of project personnel
 - Personnel of the grant recipient and forwarding recipient (German higher education institution): Expenditure for accommodation and meals can be applied for and claimed according to the applicable laws (BRKG/LRKG).
 - Personnel of the partner higher education institution (forwarding recipient): Residence allowances for academics from the partner countries staying in Germany according to **Attachment 2, table 1**
 - Expenditure for stays within the partner country or third countries can be reimbursed in line with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality and based on supporting documents.
- Equipment funding in Germany/outside Germany
 - Consumables (e.g. office supplies for workshops, conferences, events)
 - Non-consumables (e.g. devices, library equipment for partner institutions in the target countries, **not in Germany**)
 - Printing/publications/advertising and public relations (e.g. flyers, advertising posters)
 - Other costs
 - Expenditure for events (planning, holding, follow-up work), such as telephone costs, printing/photocopying, books
 - A meals per diem of EUR 10 per person per event (not for the arrival and departure days) for local participants (individuals residing in the city in which the event or measure is held)
The meals per diem arises with the first day of the event and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants. All costs for food are settled with the meals per diem.

The following expenses are not eligible for funding

Expenditure for tips, gifts for guests, inventory for Germany higher education institutions

Funded individuals

- Travel expenses for funded individuals
 - Mobility allowances for **students, graduates, doctoral candidates and academics holding a PhD** for travel from Germany to the partner country and back, and vice-versa, according to **Attachment 2, table 1**

- The mobility allowance arises with the first day of the trip and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants or a boarding pass/train ticket. The mobility allowance covers all costs in the context of the trip (this includes travel and flights as well as expenditure for visa, vaccinations, excess luggage, luggage insurance etc.).
- Expenditure for travel/flights within Germany, the partner countries or third countries can be claimed for **funded individuals** in line with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality and based on supporting documents.
- Stays of funded individuals
 - Residence allowances for **German students, graduates, doctoral candidates visiting the partner country** according to **Attachment 2, table 2**
 - Residence allowances for **foreign students, graduates, doctoral candidates visiting Germany** according to **Attachment 2, table 3**
 - The residence allowance (for the entire stay) arises on the first day of the stay and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants. The residence allowance settles the expenditure for accommodation and meals as well as for health, accident and indemnity insurance. It is essential that foreign guests are informed of the necessity of sufficient insurance cover. If it is not possible to take out overseas health insurance in their home country, foreign participants should be insured by the German host, or it must be ensured that they take out insurance immediately upon arrival in Germany.
 - Expenditure for stays **in the context of short-term activities performed by German academics holding a PhD and for funded individuals from the partner countries, staying in the partner countries or in third countries** can be claimed in line with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality and based on supporting documents.

Note:

When assessing the economic efficiency of costs, the relevant laws (BRKG/LRKG) may be referred to for guidance.

Type of financing

Funding takes the form of full financing.

Funding period**New application**

The funding period begins at the earliest on **01/01/2022** and ends at the latest on **31/12/2022**.

Follow-up application

The funding period begins at the earliest on **01/01/2022** and ends at the latest on **31/12/2023**.

Amount of funding**New application**

The DAAD grant is generally limited to a maximum of **EUR 100,000**.

Follow-up application

The DAAD grant is generally limited to a maximum of EUR 200,000, split into budget years as follows:

2022: EUR 100,000

2023: EUR 100,000

Discipline(s)	The programme is open to all disciplines.
Target group	Funding is available for higher education teaching staff, (young) academics, doctoral candidates, graduates and students from Germany and the indicated target regions.
Eligible applicants	Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education state institutions.
Application process	<p>The application for project funding must be submitted in full and on time exclusively via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).</p> <p>The application should be drawn up in coordination with the foreign partner(s).</p>
Application requirements	<p><u>Application documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project application (in the DAAD portal) • Financing plan (in the DAAD portal) • Project description, see form template (attachment type: project description) • Project planning summary, see form template (attachment type: project description) • Approval of the project application by the German university management, see form template (attachment type: programme-specific attachments) • Approval of the project application signed by the foreign university management, see form template (attachment type: programme-specific attachments) • Cooperation agreement with the partner institution (e.g. letter of intent, memorandum of understanding), if already concluded (attachment type: contracts/agreements) <p>At least a written explanation by the project coordinator must be submitted by the application deadline, if any of the documents regarding the cooperation (e.g. cooperation agreement, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding) are not available on time.</p> <p>The application documents must be named according to the guidelines and submitted under the specified attachment type by the application deadline. Subsequent submissions and amendments – besides application documents that may be submitted later on – including to the finance plan, will not be considered after the application deadline. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.</p> <p><u>Application documents that may be submitted later on</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation agreement with the partner institution (e.g. letter of intent, memorandum of understanding) (attachment type: contracts/agreements). <p>These documents must be submitted by the time the contract is concluded.</p> <p><u>Target region:</u></p> <p>The programme focusses on the Arab countries and Iran, this also includes all non-European member states of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference: https://www.oic-oci.org/states/?lan=en</p> <p>Israeli institutes may also be involved in the cooperation, provided that the main project partners are institutes from predominantly Islamic countries that agree to this option and are willing to continue the cooperation. This rule applies for new as well as for follow-up applications.</p>

Application deadline

The application deadline is **8 September 2021**.

Selection procedure**Selection of applications for project funding**

An expert assessment of the applications will be carried out by a selection committee. This assessment serves as a decision-making basis for the DAAD.

Selection criteria:

- **Relationship of the project to the programme objectives** (according to the impact model) and **impact-oriented planning using indicators** that meet the SMART criteria (10%)
- The project's **focus on dialogue** and the corresponding promotion of inter-cultural awareness among the individuals involved (25%)
- Appropriate and balanced involvement of **students and young academics** with particular consideration of the issue of gender equality (20%)
- **Feasibility and social relevance** of the project in terms of structural improvements for the partner universities and development in the region (20%)
- **Academic quality** of the project and academic qualifications of the persons involved (15%)
- The project objectives' contribution to **improving teaching and research in a sustainable manner** (10%)

Selection procedure for funded individuals**Selection of funded individuals**

A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient decides on the selection of the participants. The selection procedure must be described in the project description:

- Public announcement of the funding programme
- Composition of the selection committee (grant recipients, partner university, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (selection of the best, performance, personal suitability, social, cultural commitment, motivation)
- Selection decision based on a selection protocol

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Attachments to the call for applications

1. Guide to Impact-oriented Monitoring
2. Funding rates
3. Fee table

Important
information and form
templates

- Project description
- Project planning summary
- Approval by the German university management (German)
- Approval by foreign university management (English)
- FAQ on RoM
- Project planning summary example
- Completion aids for financing plan
- Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness

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