

## Subsequent funding within the Strategic Partnerships and Thematic Networks programme (2019-2020)

What are the programme objectives?

Since 2013 the DAAD has supported German universities to develop and extend Strategic Partnerships and Thematic Networks with their partners abroad, using funds from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). For any projects that have been accepted for funding from 2015-2018, applications may be made for subsequent funding of a maximum of 125,000 euros per financial year over a period of two years. The objective of the subsequent funding is to ensure a smooth transition to the post-funding phase of a project and the sustainable anchoring of achievements in the first funding phase of individual projects.

Who can apply?

All projects/ universities and their project leaders funded in the second call for applications (2014/15) of the Strategic Partnerships and Thematic Networks programme can apply for funding.

What will be funded?

### **Funding measures:**

It is up to the respective university to decide which of the measures previously eligible for funding should be continued to sustain the individual projects. Funding measures and rates for the subsequent funding are applicable as of 2019, see appendices.

There is one restriction: Maintaining a coordinator position at the German university over a period of two years would take up most of the subsequent funding. For this reason, a gradual reduction of this role is recommended and will be viewed positively for selection process.

### **Funding period:**

01/01/2019 – 31/12/2020

### **Funding:**

A maximum of 125,000 euros per financial year. Funding will be provided as full funding.

Which subject areas will be funded?

The programme is open to all subject areas.

Which target groups will be funded?

All members of the selected universities and their project partners are eligible for funding: students, graduates, doctoral candidates, postdocs, lecturers qualified to teach at professorial level, university teachers, administrators.

Which basic conditions should be met?

The applying university and their partner universities should demonstrate sustainable commitment to the project, which should continue beyond the subsequent funding phase.

Application procedure

**Applications** must be completed **in full** and submitted **by the stipulated deadline** exclusively via the DAAD online portal (<https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>).

### **Application documents relevant for selection:**

- Application form (in DAAD portal)
- Financial plan (in DAAD portal)
- Project description (short version, template in DAAD portal) (appendix type: project description)

- Application text part 1: (appendix type: project description)  
Description (maximum of 5 pages) of the course of the project to date: comparison of target and actual performance of the objectives, milestones and measures named in the last application (appendix 1)
- Application text part 2: (appendix type: project description)  
Description (maximum of 5 pages) of the defined objectives for the subsequent funding phase, the measures planned to achieve these objectives and details on how to ensure the sustainability of the project (appendix 1)
- Plan of measures and milestones for the follow-on funding phase (appendix 2, appendix type: programme-specific appendices)
- Letter of support from the partner(s) (appendix 3, appendix type: contracts/ agreements)
- Endorsement of the project application by the head of the German university (appendix 4, appendix type: programme-specific appendices)
- Commitment by the university (appendix 5, appendix type: programme-specific appendices)

The respective forms are available in the DAAD programme database under Strategic Partnerships and Thematic Networks and can be downloaded. Application guidelines are also available.

The above-mentioned **application documents for selection purposes are mandatory documents that must be submitted by the application deadline**. The documents to be submitted must be named and numbered according to these specifications.

After the application deadline, the DAAD will neither request any documents nor take into account any additionally supplied documents or changes, including changes to the financial plan. **Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.**

Further important information on obligatory specifications for making an application can be found on the web page containing the corresponding call for applications ([programme database](#)).

#### Application deadline

The application deadline is 30 November 2017.

#### What are the selection criteria?

Applications will be assessed by an evaluation commission.

The selection of projects will be based on the following criteria:

- Course of the project and funding to date, and achievement of defined objectives
- Impact of the project at the respective university (spin-off effects)
- Quality of the planned measures and their sustainability
- Support of university management, e.g. further internal funding after the project ends, especially with regard to the coordinator position
- Continuity (e.g.: Who will manage the project in the subsequent funding phase?)
- Expected structural continuation of the project at the university/ the added value to be achieved by subsequent funding
- Commitment of the partner(s): How will they contribute during the phase of completion funding and continuation?

The selection results are expected to be announced in spring/summer 2018.

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**Appendices to the call for applications**

1. Application guidelines
2. Funding requirements
3. DAAD list: funding rates for German applicants
4. DAAD list: funding rates for applicants from abroad
5. DAC list
6. Template for plan of measures
7. Template for milestone plan
8. Endorsement of the project application by the head of the German university
9. Commitment by the university

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