

German-Arab Transformation Partnership, Programme Line 1

German-Arab university partnerships with partner universities in Tunisia, Iraq, Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya and Morocco

for new applications 2019 – 2020 and concluding measures in 2019

Goal and purpose

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the German-Arab Transformation Partnership programme using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). Germany has been monitoring the political unrest in the Arab region since 2011 within the scope of this programme. Higher education and academic cooperation play an important role in times of social and political change. The German-Arab Transformation Partnership creates additional opportunities to support the reform efforts of Arab higher education institutions.

Within the scope of the programme, the cooperation between higher education institutions in the Arab target countries listed and German partner higher education institutions focuses on the following aims:

Qualitative objectives:

- To facilitate further qualification and sustainable **structural development** at Arab higher education institutions in teaching, research, services and university management (e.g. developing curricula or modules, establishing (international) degree courses, recognition of university degrees, exchanging experiences of establishing technology transfer centres and service points, etc.)
- To improve decision-making structures at higher education institutions with the aim of establishing “good university governance”.

Quantitative objectives:

- For individuals: the number of qualifications (master’s, doctorates, etc.), quantification of a funding aim for a specific group (e.g. percentage of female participants) or specification of the number of months in a stay (guest lecturers, study/research stays)
- For events: the number and description of planned events, quantification of intended participant numbers
- For material resources: an indication of planned purchases (e.g. lab and library equipment, etc.) and/or description of specific knowledge to be attained or a concrete objective.

Eligible measures

New applications:

- Participation in and/or organisation of events (e.g. spring/summer/autumn/winter schools, conferences, workshops, kick-off meetings, methodology workshops, etc.)
- Planning/development/delivery of international degree courses
- Teaching, study or research visits, exchange of student, graduate and doctoral student groups, etc.

Concluding measures to consolidate project successes for university partnerships that have been supported since 2016 and end on 31/12/2018.

- Workshops, summer schools, conferences, etc.

- Concluding short teaching or study visits, etc.

Note:

The following measures are not eligible for funding:

- Measures aimed exclusively at a research cooperation
- Informational and representational trips without any specific academic relevance
- Scholarships **exclusively** serving individual advancement and not awarded as part of a partnership project

Grant expenditure eligible

All expenditure necessary and appropriate for implementing the project (implementation of the measures) is eligible for funding. These include in particular:

Personnel resources for conducting and supervising the project

- Personnel in Germany
 - Research associates
 - Academic assistants
 - Student assistants
 - Other employees
- Personnel outside Germany
 - Research associates
 - Academic assistants
 - Student assistants
 - Other employees

Material resources

- Fees (e.g. for lecturing activities by external professionals in Germany and the target region)
- Mobility of project staff
(mobility of employees of German higher education institutions in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG))
- Project staff stays
(accommodation and daily allowance for German higher education employees in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG))
- Material resources in Germany/abroad
 - Consumer goods (e.g. office supplies for workshops, conferences, events, etc.)
 - Economic goods (e.g. equipment, library resources for the partner institute in the Arab target countries, but not in Germany)
 - Printing/publications/advertising and public relations (e.g. flyers, advertising posters, etc.)
 - Other items
(planning, implementing and following up on events, e.g. telephone costs, printing and copying costs, consumables, books and, if necessary, required equipment; **no** tips, gifts for hosts, inventory for German higher education institutions)

Funded individuals

- Mobility expenses for funded individuals
 - Mobility of the employees of international higher education institutions and third persons (students, graduates and doctoral candidates)
 - Between the respective target countries and Germany in accordance with country-specific travel allowances (see appendix on travel allowances)
 - Mobility within the target region (also outside the target region in justified exceptional cases, e.g. for joint field research or in South-

	<p>South exchange) and <u>within Germany</u> on the basis of individual receipts in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality; 2nd class train journeys, economy-class flights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mobility of employees of German higher education institutions who are not employees of the grant recipient, in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG) (2nd class train journeys, economy-class flights) • Living expenses for funded individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students, graduates, doctoral candidates, academics holding a PhD (see funding rates in the appendix “Funding requirements”) ○ Employees of international higher education institutions (see funding rates in the appendix “Funding requirements”) ○ Employees of German higher education institutions who are not employees of the grant recipient in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG)
Type of financing	Funding will be provided as full financing.
Funding period	<p><u>New applications:</u> The funding period begins on 01/03/2019 at the earliest and ends on 31/12/2020 at the latest.</p> <p><u>Concluding measures:</u> The funding period begins on 01/03/2019 at the earliest and ends on 31/12/2019 at the latest.</p>
Funding level	<p><u>New applications:</u> The maximum amount available as a grant from the DAAD for a new bilateral university partnership is €100,000 per budget year, and for trilateral or multilateral partnerships with more than one Arab partner country €125,000 per budget year.</p> <p><u>Concluding measures:</u> The maximum amount available for the DAAD grant is €40,000 per budget year.</p>
Subject area(s)	<p>Applications are particularly welcome from the humanities and social sciences.</p> <p>However, the programme is open to all subject areas.</p>
Target group	University teachers, higher education employees, graduates, doctoral candidates and students from Germany and the Arab partner countries.
Eligible applicants	State or state-approved German higher education institutions on behalf of university teachers
Submission of applications	The application for project funding must be completed in full and submitted by the stipulated deadline exclusively via the DAAD portal (https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal).
Application requirements	<p><u>Application documents relevant for the selection process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project application (in DAAD portal) • Financing plan (in DAAD portal) • Project description (see Appendix 3 for template) (appendix type: project description) <p>For <u>new applications</u>: Description of the development of the long-term university partnerships and the related exchange of university teachers, higher education employees, graduates (e.g. doctoral candidates)</p>

and students with reference to the programme goals.

For concluding measures: Description of the coordination and design of meaningful final measures to consolidate the project successes of projects running since 2016.

- **Project description (short version)** (see Appendix 4 for template) (appendix type: project description)
- **Endorsement of the project application signed by the management of the German university** (see Appendix 5 for template) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)
- Concrete **plan of work and measures in the form of a tabular timetable** (detailing the timing and duration of measures, concrete aims or planned **intermediate objectives**, plus names of all participants) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)
- Signed, documented and informative **agreement of the partner institution(s)** (see Appendix 6 for template) (*Letter of Intent or Memorandum of Understanding*) on the project aims and measures (appendix type: contracts/agreements)

If cooperation documents relevant for selection (e.g. cooperation agreement, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding) are not provided by the deadline, the project management team should submit at least a written justification by the application deadline.

The above application documents relevant for selection (mandatory documents) must be named in accordance with the specifications and submitted by the deadline in the form of the specified appendix type.

After the application deadline, the DAAD will neither request any further documents nor take into account any additionally supplied documents or changes, including in the financing plan, **with the exception of the short version of the project description**. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Application deadline

The application deadline is **10 December 2018**.

Selection procedure

Project funding applications will be assessed by a selection committee appointed by the DAAD comprising external academics with relevant specialisation.

Selection criteria:

- The **academic quality** of the projects and measures listed in the application (focusing on collaboration in teaching, research, guidance or services) and their contribution to “institution building” at the partner higher education institution
- The **innovative effect** and **sustainable structural improvement** of teaching conditions to be achieved by the proposed measures, particularly at the foreign partner higher education institution(s), and the successful systematic **networking with other higher education institutions** or other stakeholders in the transformation countries
- The **balance of cooperation measures**
- The **integration and exchange of students and young academics** from both sides (support for young academics)
- The consideration of **aspects of gender equality**

Selection procedure for students, graduates and doctoral candidates

Selection of students, graduates and doctoral candidates

Decisions on the selection of students, graduates and doctoral candidates will be made by a selection committee appointed by the grant recipient.

The selection procedure must be presented in the project description:

- Public announcement of the funding programme
- Composition of the selection committee (grant recipient, partner higher education institution, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (selection of the best applicants, academic achievements, personal aptitude, social and cultural commitment, motivation)
- Selection decision based on a selection report

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Appendices

1. Funding requirements
2. Country-specific travel allowances
3. Project description form
4. Project description form (short version)
5. Endorsement from the management of the German higher education institution (in German)
6. Endorsement from the foreign higher education institution management (in English)
7. Report form

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