

Support for the internationalisation of Ukrainian higher education institutions – shaping the digital future together: German-Ukrainian higher education institution collaborations (2019–2021)

Goal and purpose

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the project "Support for the internationalisation of Ukrainian higher education institutions", which funds the programme series "Shaping the digital future together: German-Ukrainian higher education institution collaborations" with funds provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

The topic of internationalisation is of great importance for German higher education institutions and is also one of the core elements of the reform of higher education in the Ukraine. This programme is intended to intensify the internationalisation of German and Ukrainian higher education institutions through increased cooperation between higher education institutions. Furthermore, it is an aid towards the effort to align the Ukrainian higher education and research environment more closely with European structures.

The programme series "**Shaping the digital future together: German-Ukrainian higher education institution collaborations**" is intended to use the instruments of digitalisation for intensified cooperation between German and Ukrainian higher education institutions, in order to contribute to the internationalisation process at these institutions. Mutual knowledge transfer in the use of digital methods in research, teaching and administration is to help make internationalisation at Ukrainian and German higher education institutions more efficient, more innovative and more sustainable.

However, cooperation on digitalisation is not intended to replace mobility, but should be considered as a useful supplement.

The support is primarily intended to:

- Develop and use the innovation potential of digital solutions, particularly for teaching and for administrators at higher education institutions
- Digitally modernise guidance and service programmes and develop them together
- Build digital competence at the participating partner higher education institutions
- Strengthen German-Ukrainian teaching and research projects
- Establish regional teaching and research networks between German and Ukrainian higher education institutions

Eligible measures

The following in particular can be funded:

- Development and implementation of digital teaching and learning programmes
- Establishment or restructuring of cross-sectional institutions and service points for internationalisation at the partner higher education institutions
- Development and/or use of digital instruments (e.g. websites, e-brochures, online events, e-learning, social media, apps)
- Awarding of scholarships for study and research visits for German and Ukrainian students, graduates, (junior) academics
- Mobility and visits of the project staff for coordinating the measures locally

Grant expenditure eligible

- Visits for guest lectures by Ukrainian and German lecturers at the respective partner higher education institutions on the topic of digitalisation
- Conducting workshops, summer schools and special courses in Germany and the Ukraine on the topics of digitalisation and internationalisation, as well as associated publications

All expenditure necessary and suitable 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/abroad

- Academic staff
- Academic assistants
- Student assistants
- Other employees

Personnel expenditure covers gross employer remuneration. Special annual payments are only eligible for funding in the approval period and only if the date of payment is within this period.

Material resources

- **Fees**

Fees for external experts (no staff of the grant recipient), e.g. experts on internal higher education institution competence building and for media professionalisation.

Expenditure for travel and lodging can be claimed in addition to the fees according to the BRKG (German Travel Expenses Act) upon submission of receipts. Contrary to the BRKG, only second class train journeys and economy class flights can be claimed.

- **Mobility of project personnel**

Expenditure for train journeys and flights must be claimed according to the German Travel Expenses Act (BRKG). The BRKG applies with the following restriction: Only second-class train journeys (irrespective of duration) and economy-class flights can be claimed.

- **Project staff stays**

For expenditure for staff of the grant recipient, the BRKG applies analogously

- **Material resources in Germany/abroad**

- Consumables
- Project-specific economic goods
 - Notice:** Hardware and software equipment up to 10,000 euros/budget year max. for the Ukrainian higher education institution
- External services (e.g. IT consulting/support, legal consulting services, catering, bus transportation companies)
- Facility rental fee (rent for conference and event venues including conference technology)
- Printing/publications/advertising and public relations work (e.g. internet presence, brochures, academic publications)
- Other (e.g. teaching materials)

Note:

Procurement and production of items that are part of basic equipment are not eligible for funding.

Funded individuals

Ukrainian scholarship holders

- **Mobility (from the Ukraine to Germany and back)**

Per visit to Germany, a country-specific flat rate travel allowance of 700 euros (includes any expenditure for transport to and from the airport, taxes, visa and other fees).

- **Stay in Germany**

Status	Daily rate up to 22 days (euro)	Monthly rate up to 3 months (euro)	Daily rate Following month (euro)
Students	33	750	25
Graduates	38	850	28
Doctoral candidates	54	1,200	40
Post-docs	89	2,000	67
Experienced academics (comparable to qualified lecturers in Germany)	96	2,150	72
Professors or academics in comparable positions	103	2,300	77
Status	Up to 14 days (euro)		
Administrators of middle management level at higher education institutions	96		
Management staff at higher education institutions including deans, department heads, managing directors	103		

German scholarship holders

- **Mobility (from Germany to the Ukraine and back)**

Students, graduates and doctoral candidates receive for each visit to the Ukraine a country-specific flat rate travel allowance of 700 euros (includes any expenditure for transport to and from the airport, taxes, visa and other fees).

Employees of German higher education institutions can claim expenditure for mobility according to the principles of the BRKG. Contrary to the BRKG, only second class train journeys and economy class flights can be claimed.

- **Visits to the Ukraine**

Status	Daily rate up to 22 days (euro)	Monthly rate up to 3 months (euro)	Daily rate Following month (euro)

Students and graduates	44	975	32
Doctoral candidates	67	1,500	50

German lecturers can claim expenditure for visits according to the BRKG.

German administrative staff at higher education institutions can claim expenditure for visits according to the BRKG, but only for visits of max. 14 days.

Type of financing

Support will be provided as full financing.

Funding period

The funding period begins on **01/10/2019** and ends on **30/09/2021**.

Grant level

The maximum amount of DAAD grants is not to exceed the sum of 200,000 euros, i.e. 100,000 euros per budget year.

Subject area(s)

The programme is open to all subject areas.

Target group

German and Ukrainian lecturers, academics, junior academics, students, graduates, doctoral candidates and administrators at higher education institutions.

Eligible applicants

State or state-approved German higher education institutions are eligible for application.

Submission of applications

It is a requirement for application that infrastructure for generating digital media and for conducting digital classes is available at the German and the Ukrainian higher education institution.

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

Application documents relevant for selection

- Project application (in DAAD portal)
- Financing plan (in DAAD portal)
- Project description (**Appendix 1**) with comprehensive concept and detailed measures plan as well as expected results, including explanation of what added value the use and/or development of digital components will have for the project and within the higher education institution (if available, attach digitalisation strategy or concept).
(appendix type: project description)
- Project description Short version (**Appendix 2**) (appendix type: project description)
- Cooperation agreement of the participating higher education institutions
(appendix type: contracts/agreements)

The above application documents relevant for selection (mandatory documents) are to be named in accordance with the specifications and submitted under the listed appendix type before the application deadline. After the application deadline, the DAAD will neither request any documents nor take into account any additionally supplied documents or changes, including in the financing plan. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Application deadline

The application deadline is **28/06/2019**.

Selection procedure

A selection committee appointed by the DAAD will decide on the applications for project funding.

Selection criteria

- Plausibility of project description and financing plan
- Plausibility of Ukraine expertise
- Technical requirements (existing digital infrastructure)
- Experience with digital teaching and administration
- Involvement of junior academics
- Sustainability of the project

Scholarship selection procedure**Selection of funded individuals**

A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient decides on the scholarship applications.

The selection procedure has to be presented in the project description.

The following should be specified:

- Composition of the selection committee (e.g. the DAAD, grant recipient, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (e.g. selection of best applicants, academic or personal aptitude etc.)
- Awarding of scholarship
 - E.g. via scholarship agreement (e.g. “letter of award” and “declaration of acceptance”)
 - Provision of a scholarship certificate (here: naming of the DAAD and funding body BMBF and precise description of scholarship benefits and their amount (e.g. visit and mobility flat rate allowance, tuition fees, etc.))

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Appendices

1. Project description – Shaping the digital future together: German-Ukrainian higher education institution collaborations
2. Project description (short version)
3. Notes on completing the financing plan
4. Supporting statement by the university administration

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