

German-Iraqi Academic Partnerships in 2020

Initiation of partnerships

Goal and purpose

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the “German-Iraqi Academic Partnerships” programme using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt, AA). The aim of the programme is to support the development and expansion of the higher education landscape in Iraq. It helps to identify academic partners and initiate higher education relations between Germany and Iraq, thus creating and promoting sustainable structures at the partner institution(s). The programme mainly focuses on improving and developing teaching in the partner country.

The aim is for joint meetings to be held between the German and Iraqi partners in order to explore opportunities for developing joint projects. This includes

- (jointly) developing a roadmap for the (further) qualification of Iraqi university lecturers in terms of teaching and research;
- advancing university management in Iraq;
- exploring the possibilities for sustainably modernising higher education in Iraq (e.g. by comparing curricula and quality assurance procedures at the participating higher education institutions) and linking teaching and research;
- establishing networks between German and Iraqi higher education institutions.

Eligible measures

- Guest visits by German university teachers and research associates from the German higher education institution and/or research institute for teaching, study visits and research, project coordination and participation in expert conferences within the scope of the programme in Iraq, Turkey, Jordan or Iran
- Guest visits by Iraqi university teachers and research associates from Iraqi higher education institutions for teaching, study visits and research, project coordination and participation in expert conferences within the scope of the programme in Germany, Turkey, Jordan or Iran
- Participation of German and Iraqi scholarship holders in summer schools, seminars, workshops and special courses in Germany and Iraq as well as in Turkey, Jordan and Iran

Not eligible for funding are:

- Projects aimed exclusively at research cooperation
- Projects already receiving funding from other sources (e.g. DFG, BMZ, GIZ) and/or the DAAD
- Representational trips without relevance to the particular subject

Grant expenditure eligible

See Appendix 1

Type of financing

Funding will be provided as full financing.

Funding period

The funding period begins on 01/01/2020 and ends on 31/12/2020.

Grant level

The DAAD grant is generally limited to a maximum of 25,000 euros.

Subject area(s)

The programme is open to all subject areas.

Target group	German and Iraqi bachelor and master students, doctoral candidates, academics, lecturers, assistants, etc. with a master's degree or equivalent, academics holding a PhD, professors and experts
Eligible applicants	State or state-approved German higher education institutions and/or research institutes are eligible for application.
Submission of applications	<p>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).</p> <p>Applicants are recommended to seek guidance prior to submitting the application documents.</p>
Application requirements	<p><u>Application documents relevant for selection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project application (in DAAD portal) • Financing plan (in DAAD portal) • Project description (see Appendix 2) (appendix type: project description) • Project description (short version), see Appendix 3 (appendix type: project description) • Proof of contact with one or more Iraqi academic partner(s) (name of the cooperation partner, copies of correspondence, etc.) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices) <p>The above-mentioned application documents relevant for selection (mandatory documents) are to be named in accordance with the specifications and submitted by the deadline in the form of the specified appendix type.</p> <p>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 description. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.</p> <p><u>Application documents relevant to the contract</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement from the German university administration, see Appendix 4 (appendix type: programme-specific appendices) <p>If documents relevant to the contract are not available by the deadline, the project manager should at least submit a written justification by the application deadline. These documents must be submitted to the DAAD on request (if funding is granted) no later than before conclusion of the contract.</p> <p>Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.</p>
Application deadline	The application deadline is 30 August 2019.
Selection procedure	<p>Selection of applications for project funding</p> <p>A selection committee appointed by the DAAD will decide on the applications for project funding.</p> <p>The selection criteria are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • academic quality of the project; • proof of a clear interest in cooperation from the Iraqi side; • a specialist need in the partner country; • explanation of the project's feasibility in light of the security situation in Iraq.

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.

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

The outcome of the selection procedure must be documented.

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Appendices

1. Grant expenditure eligible and funding rates
2. Project description
3. Project description (short version)
4. Endorsement from the German university administration

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