DAAD
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World

for new funding 2020 and follow-up funding 2020/2021

Goal and purpose	The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the "Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World" programme using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The programme supports the strengthening of ties between higher education institutions in Germany and in the Muslim world and encourages academic and cultural dialogue between students and young academics from Germany and the partner countries.

Specifically, the following objectives are to be achieved:

- Stimulation of **cultural dialogue with the Muslim world** through academic cooperation
- Sustainable modernisation of teaching in the partner countries (e.g. through the joint development of new curricula and quality assurance processes) and the linking of teaching and research
- Provision of targeted support for qualified young academics from the regions while ensuring gender equality
- Establishment of regional teaching and research networks with several higher education institutions from different partner countries
- Contribute as higher education institutions to social development and the formation of a knowledge society |
| **Eligible measures** | - The formation of networks and personnel exchanges between partner higher education institutions (e.g. travel to establish contact between project representatives; participation in and running of workshops, summer schools and special courses in Germany and in partner regions)
- Visits by lecturers, students and graduates from Germany and from the target countries to project partner institutions
- Preparatory measures for a planned partnership over several years e.g. preliminary trips, meetings of project partners for planning purposes and/or initial small-scale exchange measures

Not eligible for funding are:

- Measures aimed exclusively at research cooperation
- Scholarships exclusively serving individual advancement and not awarded as part of a partnership project

To allow success to be monitored, clearly defined overarching objectives and individual measurable aims must also be set out in the application. The success of a project should be measurable in terms of both qualitative and quantitative aims, e.g.:
- Intensive cooperation between German and international students and young academics
- An environment for personal interaction to address cultural differences and similarities
- Intensification of regional collaboration
- A long-lasting link between the partner institutions involved
- Increase in the practical relevance of degree courses in the region
- Mutual recognition of degrees and study phases
- The development or expansion of master's, doctorate and other postgraduate courses |

- For individuals: the number of qualifications (master's, doctorates, etc.) or 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)
- Where events are funded: the number and description of planned events, quantification of participant numbers
- For material resources: an indication of planned purchases (e.g. lab and library equipment, etc.) and/or a description of specific knowledge to be attained or a concrete aim

Grant expenditure eligible

All expenditure necessary and appropriate for implementing the project (implementation of the measures) is eligible for funding (for details see Appendix 1: Grant expenditure eligible and funding rates).

Type of financing

Funding will be provided as full financing.

Funding period

The funding period begins on **01/01/2020** at the earliest and ends on **31/12/2020** at the latest (for first-time applications) or on **31/12/2021** (for follow-up applications).

Funding level

The maximum DAAD grant is generally limited to **EUR 100,000 per financial year.**

Subject area(s)

The programme is open to **all subject areas**.

Particularly welcome are projects relevant to relations between Germany and the Muslim world, the development of partner regions and the formation of a knowledge society, and in which higher education institutions contribute to this development through teaching and research.

Target group

Target groups that are generally eligible for funding are lecturers, academics, doctoral candidates, graduates and students from Germany and the named target regions.

Eligible applicants

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

Submission of applications

An application for project funding is made by the German higher education institution. It must be **completed in full and submitted by the stipulated deadline** exclusively via the DAAD portal (https://portal.daad.de).

The application should be prepared **in coordination with the partner(s) abroad**.

Application requirements	**Application documents relevant for selection:**

Application documents relevant for selection:

- **Project application** (in DAAD portal)

- **Financing plan** (in DAAD portal) (detailed **calculation of expenses** for the measures planned, see overview of help texts in Help Centre on the DAAD portal)

- **Detailed and specific project description** (see Appendix 3 for template) (appendix type: project description)

- **Project description (short version)** (see Appendix 4 for template) (appendix type: project description)

- **Endorsement of the project application signed by the German university administration** (see Appendix 5 for template) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)

- In the case of first-time applications, **endorsement signed by the partner institution** (see Appendix 6 for template) (cooperation agreement with the international partner, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, etc.) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)

Target region:

While the programme mainly focuses on **Arab countries and Iran**, all non-European member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation can be involved: https://www.oic-oci.org/states/?lan=en

Institutes in Israel can also be involved in the cooperation if institutes from Muslim countries are or will remain the main partner in the project and agree to this involvement. This applies to both new and follow-up applications.

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 for this and submit the documents to the DAAD on request (if funding is granted) before conclusion of the contract at the latest.

The above-mentioned 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 **19 September 2019**

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

Selection of applications for project funding:

The applications will be assessed by an expert committee appointed by the DAAD comprising specialist and regional academics and involving the Federal Foreign Office.

Selection criteria:

Dialogue orientation

Apart from subject-related collaboration, projects should promote dialogue between participating partners and an understanding of their historical, cultural and religious identity. Special importance is therefore attached to supporting students and exchange academics locally within the programme, as well as to setting up forums for meetings and discussions beyond purely academic cooperation.

Relevance and feasibility

The project's anticipated contribution to improving teaching and research conditions at the partner higher education institutions, the project's practical relevance for regional development and the feasibility of the planned measures and the intended objectives.

Sustainability

The anticipated sustainability of the pursued project objectives and associated qualification processes, in particular a sustained improvement in teaching and research.

Quality

The academic quality of the projects and measures detailed in the application.

Regional cross-border collaboration

Networking between several higher education institutions in the region within a cooperation network is desirable. Such projects should also promote the exchange of students, researchers and lecturers between the participating higher education institutions within the region.

Scholarship selection

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. Grant expenditure eligible and funding rates
2. DAAD table of fees
3. Project description form
4. Project description form (short version)
5. Endorsement from the German university administration (in German)

6. Endorsement from the international university administration (in English)
7. Report form
8. Form completion guide for the financing plan

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