### German-Arab Transformation Partnership 2020, Programme Line 2

#### German-Arab short-term measures with partner higher education institutions in Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon and Iraq

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. In cooperation with German partner higher education institutions, Programme Line 2 “Short-term measures” pursues the following aims:

- To establish and intensify academic contact between higher education institutions in Germany and in the target countries with the aim of establishing longer-term cooperation measures
- To actively contribute to structural development at the partner higher education institutions and improvements in research and teaching (development of curricula, modules, etc., particularly with the aim of enhancing the employability of graduates, transfer from higher education institution to industry)
- To actively contribute to improving democratic (self-)governance at the higher education institutions (good governance)

The quantitative objectives are:

- Where individuals are funded: to quantify a funding aim for a specific group (e.g. percentage of female participants, students or young academics)
- Where events are funded: to quantify the target number of participants and describe the target event outcomes

#### Eligible measures

- Short-term measures/events such as special courses, summer schools, preparatory visits, workshops, seminars or conferences in the target countries, as well as similar events in Germany with Arab participants primarily from the main partner countries
- Research, teaching and study visits by students, academics and academic personnel from the partner countries to German higher education institutions, or by German academic personnel, academics and students to the partner countries, in connection with a short-term measure.

**Note:**
The following measures are not eligible for funding:

- Applications aimed exclusively at research cooperation
- Representational trips without relevance to the particular subject
- Scholarships exclusively serving individual sponsorship and not awarded as part of a partnership project

For detailed information on the grant expenditure eligible and funding rates, see Appendix 1

**Type of financing**

Support will be provided as full financing.

**Funding period**

The funding period begins on **01/04/2020** at the earliest and ends on **31/12/2020** at the latest.
Grant level
The DAAD grant is limited to a maximum of €40,000.

Subject area(s)
Applications are particularly welcome from the humanities and social sciences. However, the programme is open to all subject areas.

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 or German research institutes

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
Application documents relevant for selection
- Project application (in DAAD portal)
- Financing plan (in DAAD portal)
- Project description (see Appendix 2 only for template) (appendix type: project description)
- Project description short version (see Appendix 3 only for template) (appendix type: project description)
- Optional: Cooperation agreement with the partner higher education institution (e.g. Memorandum of Understanding, Letter of Intent), if already concluded (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 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 documents relevant to the contract
- Endorsement from the German higher education institution (see Appendix 4)
  (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)
- Endorsement from the international higher education institution (see Appendix 5)
  (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)

If these contract-relevant documents are not provided by the application deadline, they must be submitted to the DAAD on request (if funding is granted) no later than before conclusion of the contract.

Application deadline
The application deadlines are:
- 31/12/2019 for measures between 01/04/2020 and 31/12/2020
- 31/03/2020 for measures between 01/07/2020 and 31/12/2020
- 30/06/2020 for measures between 01/10/2020 and 31/12/2020

After the closing date for applications, the DAAD reserves the right to allow a processing period of at least three months. Please take this into account when planning measures.

Selection procedure
Selection of applications for project funding
A DAAD selection committee will assess the applications on the basis of expert opinions and taking into account the following selection criteria:
The academic quality of the measures described in the application (focus on the collaboration in teaching, research, guidance) 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 international 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 of the project (support for young academics)

The consideration of aspects of gender equality

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

Scholarship selection procedure

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Appendices

Appendix 1: 2020 Grant expenditure eligible and funding rates PL2
Appendix 2: 2020 Project description PL2
Appendix 3: 2020 Project description short version
Appendix 4: Endorsement from the German university administration
Appendix 5: Endorsement from the international university administration
Appendix 6: Substantive report PL 2 on Evidence of Use (EoU)
Appendix 7: Form completion guide for the financing plan
Appendix 8: Table of fees

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