German-Egyptian Progress Partnership, Programme Line 2: Short-term measures

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the “German-Egyptian Progress Partnership” programme using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA).

The aim of the short-term measures in the German-Egyptian Progress Partnership is to help create additional opportunities for renewing Egyptian higher education institutions and support them in their efforts to modernise. In cooperation with German partner higher education institutions, Programme Line 2 pursues the following aims:

- To establish and intensify academic contact between higher education institutions in Germany and Egypt with the aim of establishing longer-term cooperation measures
- To contribute actively to structural development at Egyptian partner higher education institutions; to improve research and teaching (development of curricula, modules, etc., transfer from higher education institution to industry)
- To enhance the employability of graduates

The quantitative objectives are:

- Where individuals are funded: to quantify a funding aim for a specific group (e.g. percentage of female participants, percentage of students or percentage of 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 Egypt, as well as similar events in Germany
- Research, teaching and study visits by students, academics and academic personnel from Egypt to German higher education institutions, or by German academic personnel, academics and students to Egyptian higher education institutions, 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

Funding 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)

The programme is open to all subject areas.
University teachers, higher education employees, students, graduates, doctoral candidates from Germany and Egypt and, if applicable, from other countries. In the latter case, their participation in the funded measure must be directly connected to the project objective.

State and state-approved German higher education institutions and non-university research institutes

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 documents relevant for selection**
- Project application (in DAAD portal)
- Financing plan (in DAAD portal)
- Project description (see Appendix 2 exclusively 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 Egyptian 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 relevant for selection 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.

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 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 Egyptian partner higher education institution(s)
- The degree of strengthening of innovation capacity and transfer between higher education institution and industry
- The balance of cooperation measures
- The **integration and exchange of students and young academics** from both sides in 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

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**Appendices**

Appendix 1: 2020 Grant expenditure eligible and funding rates FoPa PL2
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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 FoPa PL 2 on Evidence of Use (EoU)
Appendix 7: Form completion guide for the financing plan
Appendix 8: Table of fees
Appendix 9: Example of financing plan

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