1. General Information

This partnership programme is a joint funding initiative of Kyoto University and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The programme is administered by Kyoto University in Japan and the DAAD Bonn Office in Germany. The programme seeks a balance in the research contents between Japan and Germany, thus in developing the research plan in English, where common understanding must be shared among the applicants. Funding may be granted for international air fare and accommodation costs, basically. The DAAD and Kyoto University have agreed to invest an annual budget each for generally up to four new projects from 2020 at each side. Funding of the German side is supported by the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany. The period of possible dispatch of participants under this programme is from April 2021 to March 2022 for Kyoto University side, and from January 2021 to December 2021 for the German side. The guidelines hereafter apply to Kyoto University applicants only. German applicants are asked to refer to the guidelines as set up by DAAD’s call for applications.

2. Objectives

The “DAAD-Kyoto University Partnership Programme” aims to foster academic exchange and co-operation between institutions of higher education and research institutions of the Federal Republic of Germany and Kyoto University in order to promote joint research projects and scientific collaboration in any field connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through funding to increase the mobility of junior scholars and Early Career Researcher (ECR)'. The objective is to strengthen or initiate long-term bilateral and or multilateral collaboration research and partnerships among German universities / research institutions and Kyoto University on the basis of an existing or intended partnership, partnership agreement or a likewise cooperation.
*1 Early Career Researchers (ECR) include students still pursuing their doctoral degree and scientists holding a Ph. D -degree for no longer than 5 years, excluding time for maternity leave.

3. Eligibility

The programme is open to scholars/researchers/research groups in all academic fields at Kyoto University having/planning joint research projects with German partners. Projects must comprise the exchange of Early Career Researchers (ECR) such as students still pursuing their doctoral degrees and scientists who obtained their PhD degrees for no longer than 5 years. The funds of this programme are provided ONLY to ECR's mobility belonging to Kyoto University.

4. Supported mobility scheme

**Type 1**: Mutual ECRs' mobility between a German university / research institution and Kyoto University (Two-ways: ECRs exchanged between KU and German Research Groups))

**Type 2**: Sharing ECR(s)’ mobility from Kyoto University to a German university / research institution (One-way: KU ECR(s) to German Host Research Group)

**Type 3**: Sharing ECR(s)’ mobility from a German university / research institution to Kyoto University (One-way: German ECR(s) to Kyoto U Host research Group)

Funding is available for payment of, for example, international air fare, accommodation costs, registration fee for participating symposium and conference, and necessary consumables. A maximum of 1, 000,000 Yen may be granted in Japan. Basic costs for persona expenses, equipment and books cannot be supported and must be provided from other sources when necessary. Salaries and side costs / additional costs cannot be funded, either. In the case of university teachers, the participants in the exchange must be paid by their home institutions even during the period of the short stay. Participants have to take out travel insurance on their own behalf.

5. Application Process

An applicant in Kyoto University and his/her German partner are asked to submit the common application form after mutual negotiations to Kyoto University Research Administration Office and DAAD respectively. Funding by Kyoto University is available for the project for up to one year.
Applicants from Kyoto University must submit their application form (Project Description: Form_1) to the Kyoto University Research Administration Office (KURA) via e-mail at aida@kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp. The applicant is basically open to any scholar/researcher/ECRs at Kyoto University as long as having a qualification to belong to Kyoto University until 31 March 2022. Deadline for submission of applications for fiscal year 2021 is September 16, 2020. Funding from the Kyoto University will start on April 1, 2021, and January 1, 2021 from DAAD.

For further information, please contact Kyoto University at aida@kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp. (For German applicants: contact Ms. Romina Tönges toenges@daad.de)

Supports available through this program will also include consulting by Kyoto University’s university research administrators (URAs) in both Kyoto and European Center in Heidelberg, as well as by staff in DAAD Tokyo, to facilitate connection for grant recipient with relevant academic communities, provide information about appropriate funding opportunities from Japan, Germany and other international agencies.

6. Assessment Criteria

- **Quality** of the research plan from academic viewpoint
- **Necessity** for the development of network with the chosen German partners through sending ECR, and expected outcomes therefrom
- **Clarity** of following-up plan to develop the network after sending ECR to the chosen partners (i.e. short-term outcomes)
- **Added value** of the project for long-term bilateral and/or multilateral cooperation towards the SDGs (i.e. long-term outcome)
- **Appropriateness** of the funding request in terms of duration and purpose of the short-term stay

7. Reports
An applicant of adopted projects, i.e. the recipient, has the following obligations. If they do not honestly fulfill the following obligations or do not execute the research project as planned (except for modifications of the project that are necessary to accomplish better results), the award status may be rescinded. We may also demand that disbursed funds be returned.
(1) The recipient must comply with all of relevant laws and rules within the university including security export control etc.

(2) The recipient must execute the budget by 31 March 2021. It is not possible to carry over the budget to next fiscal year of 2022 in Japan.

(3) The recipient must accommodate inquiries or requests for meetings by KURA staffs on the progress status of his/her research, etc. during or after the support period.

(4) The recipient must submit an achievement report on his/her research results. Report will be posted at KU website.)

- Reports by Exchange Students and Scholars (in English)

- Reports by Exchange Students and Scholars (in Japanese)
  http://www.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/overseas-centers/eu/internationalization/reports/

If applicant wishes to have a premium support by URA from KURA office, please contact aida@kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp before submission of proposal.

8. Contact
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