Programmes for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP) starting in 2021

Promoting international mobility of researchers

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) operates the programme “PPP Programmes for Project Related Personal Exchange” from the budget of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung – BMBF). The group of PPP programmes consists of currently 33 individual bilateral programmes based on agreements with foreign partner organisations or governments. On the foreign side the programmes are sponsored by the partner organisations listed below.

The PPP programmes aim at strengthening the academic relations between a German institution and an institution abroad. Joint bi-national research projects of a high academic standard shall promote cooperative and preferably complementary research activities and shall enable particularly young academics involved in the project to conduct a research stay at the partner institution abroad, and thereby support them in their international training.

For the purposes of these programmes, young academics are defined as junior researchers currently completing their doctorate, and academics at the outset of their academic careers who completed their doctorate no more than five years ago. More information on the programme is available at www.daad.de/PPP.

Eligible Measures

- Research stays in the partner country arising in the project-based collaboration.

Eligible Expenses

- Sponsored participants of the project
  - Mobility of the sponsored participants
  - Residence abroad of the sponsored participants

German universities, higher education institutions and research institutions receive lump sum allowances (Appendix 2) for the project-related research stays of their team members. The allowance (Appendix 2) covers all expenditures within the scope of mobility and the stay of the participant. Eligible for funding are short-term stays of academics (up to 30 days) and young academics (up to 50 days). On the German side, DAAD provides funding for members of the German research group for stays at the foreign partner institution if no other arrangement was made with the foreign partner institution. (Appendix 1)

The funding allowances set at the time of the call for applications apply for the entire project period.

Method of financing

DAAD allocates a fixed amount to the German universities, higher education institutions and research institutions.

Duration of the Funding

The total funding period for a project is generally 2 years. It starts at the earliest 01.01.2021 and will end at the latest 31.12.2023. Funding will not exceed 24 months. Funding can be extended for a further year with some countries, see country-specific information in Appendix 1.

Amount of the Funding

For the maximum available funds per funding year, see country-specific terms and conditions in Appendix 1; the funds are based on agreements with the foreign partners.
Eligible disciplines

The programme is open to all disciplines; for country-specific exceptions see Appendix 1.

Sponsored target groups

Graduates, doctoral candidates, doctorate holders, professors, lecturers, if not otherwise specified in agreements with the foreign partner; see Appendix 1.

Eligibility

Eligible to apply are German universities, higher education institutions and research institutions.

Application

An application must present a specific academic research project of high quality, on which the partners from Germany and the foreign partner country intend to work together in an ideally complementary manner. The German application and the funding application of the foreign partner institution must be submitted simultaneously, if not otherwise agreed for the specific country. Applications submitted by only one party will result in exclusion from the selection procedure. Applications must be submitted in German or English, see templates in Appendix Project description PPP (English).

Terms and conditions

Applications in German or English must be complete and submitted within the deadline exclusively via the DAAD online portal (https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal).
To ensure swift and smooth processing of your application documents, please only upload attachments to your application in the form of PDF files (converted if necessary).

Please upload the following attachments:

- Comprehensive project description = template Project Description (see template in Appendix Project description PPP)
- Academic profile / CV of the German project leader (up to three pages) (programme specific attachment)
- Academic profile / CV of the foreign PI (programme specific attachment)
- Project-relevant list of publications by the German PI in the last five years (up to four pages) (programme specific attachment)
- Project-relevant list of publications by the foreign PI in the last five years (up to four pages) (programme specific attachment)
- Brief CVs of further confirmed project participants at the time of application, if applicable (up to three pages) (programme specific attachment)

For application documents and information see Appendix Project description PPP and FAQ.

Application deadline

Application deadlines vary by country, see country-specific information in Appendix 1.

Funding for all countries begins in early 2021 if not otherwise agreed with the foreign partner, see Appendix 1.

Selection Process

A commission of senior academics in various disciplines will determine whether funding is awarded. Key selection criteria include:

1. Scientific quality of the project (clarity of the objectives and methodology) as well as scientific status of the project (topicality and degree of innovation)
2. Appropriate involvement of young academics
3. Knowledge transfer between the research groups,
   Added value (subject-related, institutional, interdisciplinary) of the
cooperation of the research groups
Scientific, if so industrial, usability of the results of the joint research

4. Feasibility of the research project (including basic financial security, preliminary work and scheduled continuation, appropriate planning of reciprocal visits),
Project-relevant competence of both research groups,
Complementarity of research groups in the joint project (with regard to methodology, content, instruments etc.)

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Appendices to the call for applications
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