

German–Pakistani Research Cooperation 2021–2022 and extensions 2021

Programme objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the German–Pakistani Research Cooperation programme using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt, AA).

The programme helps to permanently establish academic exchange between Pakistani Higher Education Commission (HEC) alumni/DAAD alumni and their host institutions in Germany through research projects at higher education institutions in Germany and Pakistan. It also contributes to current issues with regard to the economic, environmental, social and socio-economic development of Pakistan. The programme focuses on strengthening the position of young academics in Pakistan as the partner country. At the same time, the connection of alumni to Germany is reinforced.

The objectives of the programme are:

- the integration of HEC alumni/DAAD alumni with ties to Germany;
- the improvement of teaching and/or research in the partner country;
- reference to current issues relating to the economic, environmental, social and/or socio-economic development of Pakistan;
- to offer young academics in Pakistan additional qualifications by means of professional development courses and specialisation;

Measures eligible for funding

Measures eligible for funding include:

- Study and research visits in Germany (up to 6 months)
- Field exploration work in Pakistan
- Participation in and organisation of events and workshops
- Trips and visits
- Participation in joint specialist events for conducting series of experiments in Germany and Pakistan
- Conducting of subject-related academic events

Grant expenditure eligible

See Appendix “Grant expenditure eligible”

Type of financing

Funding will be provided as full financing.

Funding period

The funding period begins on 01/01/2021 at the earliest and ends on 31/12/2022 at the latest.

Extensions:

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Grant level

The DAAD grant is generally limited to a maximum of 80,000 euros distributed across the budget years as follows:

2021: 40,000 euros

2022: 40,000 euros

Extensions:

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Subject area(s)

The specialist focus is primarily on

- water resource management;
- renewable energies and energy efficiency;
- agricultural sciences;
- social sciences.

	Funding applications for research projects in other fields may also be submitted if convincing concepts are proposed that promise a long-lasting impact from the research cooperation between Pakistan and Germany.
Target group	German and Pakistani bachelor's and/or master's students, doctoral candidates, postdocs, habilitation candidates, academics holding a PhD and university teachers
Eligible applicants	State or state-approved German higher education institutions represented by their departments/institutes and German research institutes are eligible for application.
Submission of applications	<p>The application for project funding must be completed in full and submitted by the stipulated deadline exclusively via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).</p> <p>Applicants are particularly recommended to seek guidance from the DAAD prior to submitting the project application.</p>
Application requirements	<p><u>Application documents relevant for selection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project application (in DAAD portal) • Financing plan (in DAAD portal) (detailed calculation of expenditure) • Project description in English, developed in conjunction with the Pakistani side (see form template) (appendix type: project description) • Partnership agreement signed by the participating higher education institutions (e.g. Letter of Intent or memorandum of understanding, MoU) (appendix type: contracts/agreements) • Endorsement from the German university administration (see form template) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices) • Proof of the alumni status of project participants in Pakistan (e.g. proof of scholarship) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices) <p>The application documents relevant for selection must be named in accordance with the guidelines and submitted by the deadline in the form of the specified appendix type.</p> <p>If cooperation documents relevant for selection (e.g. cooperation agreement (memorandum of understanding), endorsement from the university administration of the German university, collaboration agreement, letter of intent) are not available by the deadline, the project manager should submit at least a written justification by the application deadline.</p> <p>No account will be taken of any documents submitted after the application deadline, nor any changes, including changes to the financing plan. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.</p> <p><u>Application documents that may be submitted later</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further application documents (e.g. cooperation agreement between the participating higher education institutions) (appendix type: contracts/agreements) <p>These documents must be provided by the time the contract is concluded at the latest.</p>
Application deadline	The application deadline is 30 August 2020.
Selection procedure	<p>Selection of applications for project funding</p> <p>Funding decisions are made by the DAAD based on the assessment of the applications by a selection committee.</p> <p><u>The selection criteria are</u></p>

- the integration of Pakistani young academics trained in Germany from the HEC programme or DAAD alumni with an MA or a PhD;
- the high academic quality of the project (in particular, clarity of project objectives and methods) and project-relevant competence of the Pakistani and German research group;
- contribution to supporting research on the Pakistani side;
- contribution to supporting the quality of teaching;
- contribution to supporting young academics on both sides;
- the development policy and/or socio-economic relevance of the research project;
- the scientific value of the project in terms of its topicality and degree of innovation;
- the feasibility of the research project with regard to time and the calculated resources presented in the financing plan.

Scholarship selection procedure

Selection of funded individuals

A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient decides on the scholarship applications.

The selection procedure has to be presented in the project description.

- Public announcement of the scholarship offer
- Composition of the selection committee (e.g. DAAD, grant recipient, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (e.g. selection of best applicants, academic or personal aptitude, etc.)
- Awarding of scholarship
 - via scholarship agreement (e.g. "letter of award" and "declaration of acceptance")
 - provision of a scholarship certificate (here: naming of DAAD and funding body and precise description of scholarship benefits and their amount (e.g. living allowance and mobility lump sums, tuition fees, etc.))

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Appendices to the call for applications

Grant expenditure eligible

Important information and form templates

- Project description
- Endorsement from the German university administration
- Information on mobility in the case of disability or chronic illness

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