German–Iraqi Academic Partnerships
Initiation of partnerships 2021

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

The aim of the programme is to support the development and expansion of the higher education landscape in Iraq. It helps to identify academic partners and initiate higher education relations between Germany and Iraq, thus creating and promoting sustainable structures at the partner institution(s). The programme mainly focuses on improving and developing teaching in the partner country.

The aim is for joint meetings to be held between the German and Iraqi partners in order to explore opportunities for developing joint project objectives.

The programme pursues the following objectives:

- initiate and build academic contacts between German and Iraqi higher education institutions for the purpose of establishing long-term cooperation measures;
- within the long-term cooperative partnership, jointly develop a roadmap for the (further) qualification of Iraqi university lecturers in teaching and research;
- explore possibilities for sustainably modernising higher education in Iraq (e.g. by comparing curricula and quality assurance procedures at the participating higher education institutions) and linking teaching and research;
- initiate networks between German and Iraqi higher education institutions.

Measures eligible for funding are:

- travel and stays of research associates from the applicant higher education institution and/or the research institute and from the partner higher education institution for the purpose of project coordination and also for the implementation of/participation in specialised events in Germany and Iraq, Turkey, Jordan or Iran;
- short stays of students, graduates, doctoral candidates, academics/lecturers/assistants holding a PhD and university teachers from the German side for teaching and research purposes in Iraq, Turkey, Jordan or Iran;
- short stays of students, graduates, doctoral candidates, academics/lecturers/assistants holding a PhD and higher education teachers from the Iraqi side for teaching and research purposes in Germany, Turkey, Jordan or Iran;
- the participation of Iraqi and German students, graduates, doctoral candidates, academics/lecturers/assistants holding a PhD and higher education teachers in summer schools, seminars, workshops, specialised events and special courses in Germany and in Iraq, Turkey, Jordan or Iran.

If it is not possible to implement measures in Iraq, they may also be implemented in Turkey, Jordan, Iran or safe third countries.

See Appendix “Grant expenditure eligible”

Funding will be provided as full financing.

The funding period begins on 01/01/2021 at the earliest and ends on 31/12/2021 at the latest.
The DAAD grant is generally limited to a maximum of 25,000 euros.

The programme is open to all subject areas.

German and Iraqi students (BA and MA); doctoral candidates, academics, lecturers and assistants, each with a master's degree or equivalent; academics holding a PhD; professors and experts

State or state-approved German higher education institutions represented by their departments/institutes and German research institutes are eligible for application.

The application for project funding must be completed in full and submitted by the stipulated deadline exclusively via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).

Applicants are particularly recommended to seek guidance from the DAAD prior to submitting the application documents.

**Application documents relevant for selection**
- **Project application** (in DAAD portal)
- **Financing plan** (in DAAD portal)
- **Project description** (see form template) (appendix type: project description)
- **Endorsement from the German university administration** (see form template) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)
- **Proof of cooperation with one or more Iraqi academic partner(s)** (e.g. cooperation partnership correspondence) or **signed partnership agreement** such as a letter of intent or memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the participating higher education institutions (appendix type: contracts/agreements)

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.

If documents relevant for selection (e.g. endorsement from the German university administration or partnership agreement) are not available by the deadline, the project manager should submit at least a written justification by the application deadline.

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.

**Application documents that may be submitted later**
- **Endorsement from the German university administration** (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)
- **These documents must be provided by the time the contract is concluded at the latest.**

The application deadline is 31 August 2020.

Funding decisions are made by the DAAD based on the assessment of the applications by a selection committee.
The selection criteria are
• proof of a clear interest in cooperation from the Iraqi side;
• the high academic quality of the project (in particular, clarity of project objectives and methods);
• a specialist need in the partner country;
• an explanation of the project’s feasibility in light of the security situation in Iraq.

Decisions on the selection of participants are made by a selection committee appointed by the grant recipient.

**The selection procedure must be presented in the project description:**
• Public announcement of the offer
• Composition of the selection committee (grant recipient, number of committee members)
• Selection criteria (e.g. selection of best applicants, academic or personal aptitude)

**Participant selection procedure**

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**Appendices to the call for applications**
Grant expenditure eligible

**Important information and form templates**
• Information on mobility in the case of disability or chronic illness
• Project description
• Endorsement by university administration
• Substantive report

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