

## Higher education cooperation with Jordan and Lebanon to support Syrian university staff (2021–2022)

### Initiation of partnerships

#### Programme objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the “Higher education cooperation with Jordan and Lebanon to support Syrian university staff” programme using funding from the German Federal Foreign Office (AA).

The social and political upheavals that began in 2011 in the wake of the Arab Spring have led to instability in many countries in North Africa and the Near and Middle East. Certainly the most devastating consequence of this instability is the civil war in Syria. It has cost hundreds of thousands their lives, it has brought a lasting change to the balance of political power in the region and it poses major risks for social and political developments, the effects of which can still be felt keenly beyond the region. When it comes to mitigating these risks and exerting a positive influence on the social and political stability of the region, there are two countries that play a key role: Jordan and Lebanon.

The long-term objectives of the programme (impacts) are to contribute to improving the quality of teaching at Syrian, Jordanian and Lebanese higher education institutions, to the internationalisation of the participating institutions and to stabilising the cooperation structures between the participating universities and other institutions.

The following programme objectives (outcomes) are derived from these long-term objectives (impacts):

Programme objective 1 (outcome 1): Initial steps taken in the further qualification of Syrian academics in accordance with the state of scientific knowledge.

Programme objective 2 (outcome 2): Initial steps taken in the qualification of teaching staff at partner higher education institutions in terms of subject matter, didactics and administration.

Programme objective 3 (outcome 3): Initial steps taken in the further development of teaching and research.

Programme objective 4 (outcome 4): Subject-related networks between the participating higher education institutions and other institutions have been established.

The programme objectives are to be achieved by means of the following direct results of measures/activities (outputs):

- Further training and continuing education courses have been held;
- The joint (further) development of curricula/teaching modules that correspond to the local context and the state of scientific knowledge has been initiated;
- First agreements on the creation of educational materials (e.g. curricula, blended learning) have been reached;
- Individual contacts between participating universities and other institutions have been established and extended as necessary.

The individual projects can focus on different areas within the programme. It is not necessary for all projects to contribute to all programme objectives. The projects also have flexibility in how they formulate their objectives and how they achieve them, but the project objectives must be consistent with the programme objectives. Accordingly, the higher education institutions are encouraged to develop their projects based on the programme results framework and the programme indicators (**see Guide on results-oriented project planning and monitoring**) and to thereby formulate measurable project objectives and associated indicators. These must be presented in the application and the project planning overview (see Template for project planning overview and Guide on results-oriented project planning and monitoring).

Measures/activities eligible for funding	<p>Funding will be provided in order to establish continuing intensified cooperation between German higher education institutions and research institutes with partners in Jordan and Lebanon. Provision of support for Syrian higher education staff is included within the scope of this cooperation.</p> <p>The following are eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in and/or organisation of events, work meetings and workshops (e.g. special courses, summer and winter schools, study trips, conferences, etc.) in Germany, Jordan and/or Lebanon;</li> <li>• Planning, development, implementation and/or further development of digital and non-digital courses;</li> <li>• Creation of educational materials;</li> <li>• Implementation of online courses or digital laboratories;</li> <li>• Teaching activities by German, Jordanian and/or Lebanese academic personnel or lecturers;</li> <li>• Mobility and visits by German, Syrian, Jordanian and/or Lebanese students, graduates, PhD students, academics and researchers and/or university personnel.</li> </ul>
Grant expenditure eligible	See <b>Appendix 1</b> "Grant expenditure eligible".
Type of financing	Support 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.
Grant level	<p>The DAAD grant is generally limited to a maximum of 200,000 euros.</p> <p>2021: 100,000 euros</p> <p>2022: 100,000 euros</p>
Subject area(s)	The programme is open to all subject areas.
Target group	Bachelor's and/or Master's students, PhD students, postdocs, habilitation candidates, academics, researchers and professors, etc.
Eligible applicants	State and state-approved higher education institutions in Germany and recognised non-profit, non-university research institutions that carry out their own research and are based in Germany are eligible to apply.
Submission of applications	The application for project funding must be completed in full and submitted by the stipulated deadline exclusively via the DAAD portal ( <a href="http://www.mydaad.de">www.mydaad.de</a> ).

**Application requirements****Application documents relevant for selection**

- Project application (in DAAD portal)
- Financing plan (in DAAD portal)
- Project description (appendix type: project description)
- Project planning overview (appendix type: project description)
- Proof of contact with one or more Jordanian and/or Lebanese academic partner(s) (name of the cooperation partner, copies of correspondence, etc.) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)

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.

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 administration of the German university (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)

These documents must be provided by the time the contract is concluded at the latest.

**Application deadline**

The application deadline is 31 August 2020.

**Selection procedure****Selection of applications for project funding**

Funding decisions are made by the DAAD based on an assessment of the application by a selection committee.

**Selection criteria**

1. The project's relevance to the programme objectives (according to the results framework) and results-oriented project planning with indicators meeting the SMART criteria;
2. The project's contribution to improving the quality of teaching at Jordanian and/or Lebanese higher education institutions;
3. The academic quality of the project (in particular, the clarity of project objectives and methods);
4. The special consideration of students, young academics and lecturers in the context of the cooperation;
5. The integration of Syrian alumni and/or academics in the cooperation

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Appendices to the  
call for applications

Important infor-  
mation and form tem-  
plates

1. Grant expenditure eligible

- Information on mobility in the case of disability or chronic illness
- Template for project description
- Template for project planning overview
- Guide on results-oriented monitoring
- Template for endorsement by university administration

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