

Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World for first-time applications for 2021 and follow-up applications for 2021/2022

Programme objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the “Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World” programme using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The programme supports the strengthening of ties between higher education institutions in Germany and in the Muslim world, and encourages academic and cultural dialogue between students and young academics from Germany and the partner countries.

Specifically, the following objectives are to be achieved:

- A cultural dialogue with the Muslim world is occurring through professional cooperation, and German and international project participants have acquired comparable cross-cultural skills.
- The partner higher education institutions have lastingly modernised their teaching (e.g. through new curricula, quality assurance procedures) and combine teaching and research.
- Qualified young academics, especially female young academics, in the target region have gained experience in international higher education projects.
- Regional teaching and research networks comprising multiple higher education institutions from one or more partner countries have been established.
- The participating higher education institutions are networked with non-university structures in the partner countries.

Measures eligible for funding

- The formation of networks and personnel exchanges between partner higher education institutions (e.g. travel to establish contact between project representatives; participation in and running of workshops, summer schools and special courses in Germany and in partner regions)
- Visits by lecturers, students and graduates from Germany and from the target countries to project partner institutions
- Preparatory measures for a planned partnership over several years e.g. preliminary trips, meetings of project partners for planning purposes and/or initial small-scale exchange measures. Preparatory measures may be funded for up to one year, beginning on 01/01/2021 at the earliest and ending no later than 31/12/2021. In general, funding will be approved for mobility, visits by the project participants, and material resources in Germany and abroad, not however for staff or to cover fees. The documents relevant for selection correspond to those for first-time and follow-up applications.

Not eligible for funding are:

- Measures aimed exclusively at research cooperation
- Visits exclusively serving individual sponsorship and not awarded as part of a partnership project

Grant expenditure eligible

All expenditure necessary and appropriate for implementing the project (implementation of the measures) is eligible for funding (for details see Appendix 1: 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 31/12/2021 at the latest (for first-time applications) or on 31/12/2022 (for follow-up applications).
Funding level	The maximum DAAD grant for first-time and follow-up applications is generally limited to EUR 100,000 per financial year . The grant for preparatory measures is limited to a maximum of 25,000 EUR.
Subject area(s)	<p>The programme is open to all subject areas.</p> <p>Particularly welcome are projects relevant to relations between Germany and the Muslim world, the development of partner regions and the formation of a knowledge society, and in which higher education institutions contribute to this development through teaching and research.</p>
Target group	Target groups that are generally eligible for funding are lecturers, academics, doctoral candidates, graduates and students from Germany and the named target regions.
Eligible applicants	State or state-approved German higher education institutions are eligible to apply.
Submission of applications	<p>An application for project funding is made by the German higher education institution. It must be completed in full and submitted by the stipulated deadline exclusively via the DAAD portal (https://www.mydaad.de/de/).</p> <p>The application should be prepared in coordination with the partner(s) abroad.</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) • Project description (appendix type: project description) • Endorsement of the project application signed by the German university administration (appendix type: programme-specific appendices) • Endorsement of the project application signed by the university administration abroad (appendix type: programme-specific appendices) • Optional: cooperation agreement with the partner higher education institution (e.g. letter of intent, memorandum of understanding), if already concluded (appendix type: contracts/agreements). <p><u>Target region:</u></p> <p>While the programme mainly focuses on Arab countries and Iran, all non-European member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation can be involved: https://www.oic-oci.org/states/?lan=en</p> <p>Institutes in Israel can also be involved in the cooperation if institutes from Muslim countries are or will remain the main partner in the project and agree to this involvement. This applies to both first-time and follow-up applications.</p> <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>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>

If cooperation documents relevant for selection (e.g. cooperation agreement, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding) are not provided by the deadline, the project management team should submit at least a written justification by the application deadline for this and submit the documents to the DAAD on request (if funding is granted) before conclusion of the contract at the latest.

Application deadline

The application deadline is **09 September 2020**

Selection procedure

Selection of applications for project funding:

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

Selection criteria:

- Dialogue orientation of the project and associated promotion of cross-cultural understanding of the participating individuals
- Appropriate and well-balanced participation of students and young academics, with particular consideration to gender equality
- Practical feasibility and societal relevance of the project with regard to structural improvements at the partner higher education institutions and development in the region
- Academic quality of the project and professional qualification of the involved individuals
- Contribution of the project objectives to long-term improvement of teaching and research
- Networking and exchange between the higher education institutions and one or more partners in the region

Participants – selection procedure

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 funding programme
- Composition of the selection committee (grant recipient, partner higher education institution, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (selection of the best applicants, academic achievements, personal aptitude: social and cultural commitment, motivation)
- Selection decision based on a selection report

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**Appendices to the
call for applications**

1. Grant expenditure eligible
2. DAAD table of fees

**Important infor-
mation and form tem-
plates**

- Project description form
- Endorsement from the German university administration (in German)
- Endorsement from the international university administration (in English)
- Substantive report form on Evidence of Use
- Form completion guide for the financing plan
- Information on mobility in the case of disability or chronic illness

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