

Information on mobility with disability or chronic illness

(within the framework of project funding)

Background information

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was passed on December 13, 2006 by the General Assembly of the United Nations. Germany signed the convention as one of the first countries. With the ratification of this consent, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities came into force in Germany on March 26, 2009.

As the world's largest funding organisation for international academic exchange the DAAD encourages students and scientists with disabilities or chronic illnesses to spend a part of their studies abroad, improve their foreign language skills and establish international contacts.

In order to increase equal opportunities within the framework of project funding for both German and international persons (e.g. directly funded students/academics, project staff) with disabilities or chronic illnesses, the DAAD can assume additional expenses incurred abroad by granting additional grants.

Additional expenditure in the context of a mobility measure

In order to assume these additional expenses in a project, an application for subsidy must be submitted per person and per mobility measure.

As a subsidy grant, a maximum of 10,000 EUR can be provided for a period of up to six months to cover the additional expenditure (including expenditure for a possible accompanying person).

In case a mobility measure lasts longer than six months or if an ongoing mobility measure is extended beyond six months, a new application for subsidy must be submitted.

To assess the additional expenditure (e.g. for travel abroad, travel on site, accommodation abroad, medical care, special didactic material etc.) the expenditure on a non-disabled or non-chronically ill person is compared with the expenditure on a disabled or chronically ill person. Additional expenditure can only be claimed if it is not covered by any other organisation.

The approved additional expenditure (subsidy) is not counted as part of the maximum amount of the DAAD grant that is set for a specific programme.

Target group:

Persons with a degree of disability (GdB) of at least 50 or a chronic illness who participate in a mobility measure as part of the project funding.

Submission of applications

The project manager submits the application for subsidy on behalf of the applying institution at least two months before the start of the planned mobility measure for the project in question via the DAAD Portal (Project overview – Basisfunktion “Dokumente zum Projekt nachreichen” – Anlagenart “Projektbeschreibung”).

The application form is available on request from the DAAD (contact person as per funding framework).

The following documents must be attached:

- *for Germans (Outgoing):*
 - refusal of cost coverage by health insurance or supplementary insurance
 - copy of disabled person’s pass (Schwerbehindertenausweis)
 - for persons with a chronic illness: Medical certificate with description of the associated restrictions and medical requirements
 - further documents explaining in a comprehensible way the necessity and appropriateness of the additional expenditure

- *for foreigners (Incoming):*
 - informal written and signed declaration (in English or German) by the disabled or chronically ill person confirming that the requested additional expenses will not be covered by any third party (e.g. health insurance)
 - medical certificate (in English or German) about the existing disability or chronic illness of the person in question with a description of the associated restrictions and medical requirements
 - further documents explaining in a comprehensible way the necessity and appropriateness of the additional expenditure

Applications for subsidy for already started mobility measures will be not be considered.