

German-Arab Transformation Partnership, 2021-2022, programme line 1: University partnerships with partner universities in Tunisia, Iraq, Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Algeria and the Sudan

Programme objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst - DAAD) is distributing funds provided by the German Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt – AA) for the programme "German-Arab Transformation Partnership". As part of this programme, Germany has supported the political change in the Arab region since 2011. University education and academic cooperation play an important role in times of social and political change. The German-Arab Transformation Partnership creates additional opportunities for the reform efforts of Arab higher education institutions. The cooperation with German partner universities as part of programme line 1 "University partnerships" prioritises the following long-term effects (impacts):

The programme

- contributes to consolidating cooperation structures between partner universities.
- contributes to sustainably promoting quality in research and teaching at the partner universities.
- contributes to knowledge transfer between the partner universities.
- contributes to the improvement of university structures towards "good university governance".
- contributes to the improvement of graduate employability.
- thus contributing to supporting the transformation process in the partner countries on a second impact level
- and hence to the establishment of high-performing and cosmopolitan higher education institutions

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

- **Project objective 1 (outcome 1):** The cooperation between the partner universities has been consolidated.
- **Project objective 2 (outcome 2):** Students, lecturers and researchers have acquired intercultural, linguistic and technical competences.
- **Project objective 3 (outcome 3):** The partner higher education institutions offer (international) degree courses that suit the local context and reflect the latest developments in science.
- **Project objective 4 (outcome 4):** Processes in the area "good university governance" have been launched.
- **Project objective 5 (outcome 5):** Processes of setting up service and transfer centres to improve the employability of graduates have been launched.

These programme objectives should be achieved by means of the following direct results of measures/activities (outputs):

- Contacts between the participating universities have been extended at all levels.

- Students, lecturers and academics have received further didactic or technical training.
- Curricula/teaching modules, classes or other study offers have been jointly developed/advanced that suit the local context and reflect the latest developments in science.
- University personnel has acquired the relevant competence.

Individual projects can focus on different aspects within the programme. It is not necessary that each project contributes to all programme objectives. Projects are also permitted room for manoeuvre in formulating their objectives and in their strategies for achieving them; whereby the project objectives must be consistent with programme objectives. The higher education institutions are accordingly asked to develop their projects based on the programme's impact analysis structure and programme indicators, thus enabling them to formulate measurable project objectives and associated indicators. These must be presented in the application and project planning summary (for the detailed procedure see "Handbook on Results-Oriented Project Planning and Monitoring").

Eligible Measures / activities

Funding is used primarily for measures which consolidate cooperation structures between the partner universities and contribute to sustainably promoting quality in research and teaching at the partner universities. Eligible measures are:

- Holding of events (eg conferences, planning/steering tasks; dialogue events, as attendance events and/or blended learning or online events)
- Spring/summer/autumn/winter schools (in person or virtual)
- Creation and/or further development of teaching/learning materials to implement curricula/teaching modules

in the partner countries or in Germany with participants from the transformation countries

- Research, teaching and study trips for training/further education purposes of students, researchers and higher education institution affiliates from the Arab partner countries at German universities
- Research, teaching and study trips for training/further education purposes of German students, researchers and higher education institution affiliates at universities in the partner countries

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Measures / activities which are focused exclusively on a research cooperation
- Representational trips without subject relationship
- Residences used exclusively to fund individuals and are not granted as part of a partnership project.

Grant expenditure eligible

See **Annex 1** "Grant expenditure eligible and funding rates"

Type of financing

Funding takes the form of full financing.

Funding period	<p>The funding period begins at the earliest on 01/01/2021 and ends at the latest on 31/12/2022.</p> <p>Follow-up applications:</p> <p>The funding period begins at the earliest on 01/01/2021 and ends at the latest on 31/12/2021 - to continue the project successes of the German-Arab university partnerships which started on 01/03/2019 and end on 31/12/2020.</p> <p>For administrative reasons, the applications for project funding will be selected in February 2021. The applicants are therefore requested to submit an informal application for an early start of the measures by the deadline, in addition to the application for project funding.</p> <p>However, the DAAD's approval of an early start of the measures does not constitute a legal entitlement to funding for the applied for project. If a project is not granted funding or no grant agreement is concluded, the applicants themselves must bear any payments to which they committed themselves relying upon DAAD funding.</p>
Grant amount	<p>The maximum amount of the DAAD grant for a bilateral university partnership application is up to 200,000 euros, split by budget years as follows:</p> <p>2021: 100,000 euros 2022: 100,000 euros</p> <p>For a tri- or multilateral university partnership application involving more than one Arab partner country, the grant can be up to 250,000 euros, split into budget years as follows:</p> <p>2021: 125,000 euros 2022: 125,000 euros</p> <p><u>Follow-up applications:</u></p> <p>The maximum amount of the DAAD grant for follow-up applications (for a definition, see "Funding period") is 100,000 euros for a bilateral university partnership and 125,000 euros for a tri- or multilateral university partnership.</p>
Discipline(s)	<p>The programme is open to all disciplines.</p> <p>Applications from the humanities or social sciences are especially welcome.</p>
Target group	<p>Students, graduates, doctoral candidates, university lecturers and university personnel from Germany and the above-mentioned Arab partner countries.</p>
Eligible applicants	<p>Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education state institutions.</p>
Application process	<p>The application for project funding may only be submitted in complete form and before the deadline via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).</p>
Application requirements	<p><u>Application documents relevant to selection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project application (in the DAAD portal) • Finance plan (in the DAAD portal) • Project description (see form template) (attachment type: project description) • Project planning document (see form template) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments) • Approval by German university management (see form template) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)

- Approval by foreign university management (see **form template**) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- If applicable, cooperation agreement with the partner university/universities (Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Intent) (attachment type: contracts/agreements)
- written explanation by project management if cooperation agreement is to be submitted at a later date (attachment type: contracts/agreements)

The application documents relevant to selection must be named according to the guidelines and submitted under the specified attachment type prior to the application deadline.

After contract conclusion, documents submitted late (exception: cooperation agreement) and amendments, including to the financing plan, are no longer taken into account. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.

Application documents that may be submitted later on

Cooperation agreement with the partner university/universities (Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Intent) (attachment type: contracts/agreements)

These documents must be presented when a contract is concluded, at the very latest.

Application deadline

The application deadline is **07 December 2020**.

Selection procedure

Selection of applications for project funding

The DAAD will make its funding decision based on evaluation of the applications by a selection committee.

Selection criteria

- Relationship of the project to the programme objectives (as per the impact analysis structure) and results-oriented planning using indicators that meet the SMART criteria;
- the **academic quality** of the projects and measures listed in the application (technical collaboration in teaching, research, advice or services which take priority) and the contribution to institution building at the partner university/universities;
- the **innovative effect** to be achieved by the suggested measures and the **sustainable structural improvement** of the teaching conditions, especially at the foreign partner higher education institutions, successful systematic **network with other higher education institutions** or other stakeholders in the transformation countries;
- the **balance of the cooperation measures**;
- the **integration** and the **exchange between students and junior academics** on both sides of the project (support of junior scientists);
- Consideration of **gender equality aspects**.

Participant selection procedure

A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient decides on the selection of the participants.

The selection procedure must be described in the project description:

- Public announcement of the funding programme
- Composition of the selection committee (grant recipients, partner university, number of committee members)

- Selection criteria (eg selection of the best, performance, personal suitability, social, cultural commitment, motivation)
- Selection decision based on a selection protocol

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Attachments to the call for applications

1. Grant expenditure eligible and funding rates
2. Fee table

Important information and form templates

- Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness
- Effects-oriented monitoring handout
- Project description
- Project planning overview
- Approval by German university management
- Approval by foreign university management

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