

German-Arab Transformation Partnership 2021, programme line 2: Short measures with partner universities in Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq, 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 2 "Short measures" prioritises the following objectives:

The programme

- contributes to the expansion and/or intensification of cooperation structures.
- gives active impulses towards a sustainable quality improvement in research and teaching at the partner universities.
- contributes to knowledge transfer between the partner universities.
- contributes to the improvement of participant employability.

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

- Project objective 1 (outcome 1): Networks between university partners or university cooperation have been initiated.
- Project objective 2 (outcome 2): Students, lecturers and researchers have acquired technical competences.
- Project objective 3 (outcome 3): New and innovative teaching methods/contents are integrated into the teaching.
- Project objective 4 (outcome 4): Processes in the area "Good University Governance" 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 are consolidated and/or extended.
- Students, lecturers and academics have received further didactic or technical training.
- Curricula/modules are jointly developed/advanced that suit the local context and reflect the latest developments in science.
- The competences and knowledge of the university personnel have been extended.
- The competences and knowledge of the university personnel have been extended in relation to "Good University Governance" at the partner universities.

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

	<p>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 the RoM handout Important information – Handbook on Results-Oriented Project Planning and Monitoring").</p>
Eligible Measures / activities	<p>Where networks between university partners and university cooperation are established in the context of short measures, this promotes cooperation between German and Arab universities.</p> <p>The following measures are eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding of events (eg conventions, conferences, specialist courses, seminars, workshops) • Spring/summer/autumn/winter schools • Fact Finding Missions <p>in the target region or in Germany with Arab participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, teaching and study trips for training/further education purposes of students, researchers and higher education institution affiliates from the target region at German universities which relate to a short measure. • Research, teaching and study trips for training/further education purposes of German students, researchers and higher education institution affiliates at Arab universities which relate to a short measure. <p><u>Note:</u> The following measures are not eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures which are focused exclusively at 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	The funding period begins at the earliest on 01/03/2021 and ends at the latest on 31/12/2021 .
Grant amount	The maximum DAAD grant amount is up to 40,000 euros .
Discipline(s)	Applications from the humanities or social sciences are especially welcome. But the programme is generally open to all disciplines.
Target group	University lecturers, university employees, graduates, doctoral researchers and students from Germany and the above-mentioned Arab partner countries.
Eligible applicants	Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education state institutions and non-university research institutions (legal entity in Germany, recognised as non-profit, conducts own research)
Application	The application for project funding may only be submitted in complete form and before the deadline via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).

Application requirements

Application documents relevant to selection

- Project application (in the DAAD portal)
- Finance plan (in the DAAD portal)
- Project description (exclusively see **form template**) (attachment type: project description)
- Project planning document (exclusively see **form template**)
- optional: Cooperation agreement with the partner university/universities (eg Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Intent), if already concluded (attachment type: contracts/agreements)
- if applicable, approval by the German university, otherwise they must be submitted later on (see **form template**) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
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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.

Subsequent submissions (exception: see Application documents that may be submitted later on) and amendments, including to the finance plan, will no longer be considered after the application deadline. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.

Application documents that may be submitted later on

- Approval by the German university (see **form template**) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Approval by the foreign university (see **form template**) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)

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

Application deadline

The application deadline is

- 30/11/2020 for measures between 01/03-31/12/2021
- 31/05/2021 for measures between 01/09-31/12/2021

The DAAD reserves a processing period after the application deadline of at least 3 months which should be taken into account when planning measures.

Selection procedure

Selection of applications for project funding

The DAAD will make its funding decision based on evaluation of the applications by an expert.

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 measure described in the application (technical collaboration in teaching, research and discussions takes priority) and the contribution to institution building at the partner university;
- the **innovative effect** to be achieved by the suggested measures and the **sustainable structural improvement** of the teaching conditions, espe-

	<p>cially at the foreign partner higher education institutions, successful systematic networking with other higher education institutions or other stakeholders in the transformation countries;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the balance of the cooperation measures; • the integration and exchange between students and junior academics on both sides of the project (support of junior scientists); • the consideration of gender equality aspects.
<p>Participant selection procedure</p>	<p>A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient decides on the selection of the participants.</p> <p>The selection procedure must be described in the project description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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<p>Attachments to the call for applications</p>	<p>1: Grant expenditure eligible and 2021 funding rates 2: Fee table</p>
<p>Important Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness • Project description • Project planning overview • Approval by German university management • Approval by foreign university management • Effects-oriented monitoring handout • FAQ • Example of financing plan

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