

German-Iraqi Academic Partnerships

Initiation 2022

Programme objectives

The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst - DAAD) supports the programme 'German-Iraqi Academic Partnerships – Initiation' using funds provided by the German Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt – AA).

Funding is available in particular for identifying academic partners, initiating higher education relationships between Germany and Iraq, and the development and promotion of sustainable structures at the partner university/universities. The programme focusses on improving and expanding teaching in Iraq, and on supporting the development and expansion of the Iraqi higher education landscape.

Opportunities for developing shared project objectives shall be explored in the context of meetings between the German and Iraqi side.

The programme provides for a long-term (impact) contribution for establishing high-performing, cosmopolitan higher education institutions, and it contributes to initiating cooperation structures between the universities and institutions in Germany and in Iraq.

The following programme objective (outcome) is derived from these impacts:

Project objective (outcome): The higher education institutions involved have signed a cooperation agreement and drawn up a joint project plan.

This programme objective should be achieved by means of the following direct result of measures/activities (outputs):

- Contacts between the participating higher education institutions and other institutions have been initiated and – where applicable – expanded.

The focus areas defined can vary from project to project. The project should address the programme objective. There is a certain degree of flexibility when it comes to the wording of the project objective, however, the project objective must be in line with the programme objective. The project objective must be specified based on the programme's impact model. A measurable project objective and result and related indicators must be specified. These must be outlined in the application and in the project planning summary. Regarding the instructions for impact-oriented project planning, the impact model and the list of indicators, please refer to **Attachment 1** 'Guide to Impact-oriented Monitoring'.

Eligible measures/activities

Measures/activities eligible for funding (in line with the impact model) include:

- Project-related stays and events (including short stays by researchers and students, participation in seminars, workshops, conferences, summer and winter schools, and discipline-related scientific events) are arranged.

Where measures cannot be implemented in Iraq, they may also take place in Turkey, Jordan, Iran or other safe third countries.

Not eligible for funding are:

- Projects dedicated solely to research cooperation
- Projects for which funding is already provided by other organisations (e.g. DFG, BMZ, GIZ) and/or the DAAD
- Representational trips without academic interests

Expenditure eligible for funding

Please refer to the attachment 'Expenditure eligible for funding'

Type of financing	Funding takes the form of full financing.
Funding period	The funding period begins at the earliest on 01/01/2022 and ends at the latest on 31/12/2022.
Amount of funding	The DAAD grant is generally limited to a maximum of EUR 25,000.
Discipline(s)	The programme is open to all disciplines.
Target group	German and Iraqi students (BA and MA), doctoral candidates, researchers, lecturers, assistants (holding a master's degree or equivalent), academics holding a PhD, professors and discipline-specific experts
Eligible applicants	Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education institutions and German non-university research facilities.
Application	The application for project funding including all relevant documents must be submitted by the deadline via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).
Application requirements	<p><u>Application documents</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 summary, see form template (attachment type: project description) • Endorsement by German university management (see form template) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments) • Evidence of contact with an/multiple academic partner(s) from Iraq who is/are interested in a cooperation (name of the cooperation partner, copies of correspondence, etc.) (attachment type: contracts/agreements) <p>The application documents must be named according to the guidelines and submitted under the specified attachment type by the application deadline.</p> <p>If any documents about the cooperation that are relevant to the selection (e.g. cooperation agreement, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding) are not available by the deadline, at least a written explanation by the project leader must be submitted by the deadline.</p> <p>Further documents and amendments (including to the finance plan) submitted after the application deadline will not be considered. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.</p> <p><u>Application documents that may be submitted later on</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement by the German university management (attachment type: programme-specific attachments) • Partnership agreement (attachment type: Contracts/agreements) <p>These documents must be submitted by the time the contract is concluded.</p>
Application deadline	The application deadline is 31 August 2021.
Selection procedure	Selection of applications for project funding

An expert assessment of the applications will be carried out by a selection committee. This assessment serves as a decision-making basis for the DAAD.

Selection criteria

- Relationship of the project to the programme objective (according to the impact model) and impact-oriented planning using indicators that meet the SMART criteria (20%)
- Evidence that the Iraqi partner has a strong interest in a cooperation (20%)
- High academic quality of the project (30%)
- Discipline-specific demand in the partner country (30%)

Funded individuals – selection procedure

Selection of funded individuals

A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient will decide upon the applications.

The selection procedure must be described in the project description.

- Public announcement of the scholarship offer
- Composition of the selection committee (e.g. DAAD, grant recipients, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (e.g. selection of the best candidates, subject-specific or personal aptitude)

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Attachments to the call for applications

1. Guide to Impact-oriented Monitoring
2. Expenditure eligible for funding

Important information and form templates

- Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness
- Project description
- Project planning summary
- Endorsement by university management

Funded by:

