

Leonhard-Euler-Programme 2022-2023

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 Leonhard-Euler-Programme.

Funding is available for combined study and research stays of graduates and doctoral candidates from higher education institutions in Eastern and South Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia at their home institution (sur place) and the partner institution in Germany for the purpose of realising their master's, diploma or doctoral thesis. These stays are an important part of binational education and research cooperation between the partner institutions in a particular discipline (or multiple related disciplines). Research supervision during the stays is provided by foreign and German lecturers.

The programme is designed to make a long-term contribution (impact)

- to encouraging junior researchers in the target regions
- to expanding international education and research cooperation

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

- Project objective 1 (outcome 1): Students and young researchers have obtained (further) discipline-specific and/or methodological qualifications
- Project objective 2 (outcome 2): Binational research projects have been promoted and can be used as a starting point for future cooperation

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

- Foreign graduates and doctoral candidates have realised their theses
- Joint research supervision of the scholarship holders has been ensured/realised by the German and foreign higher education institutions

The focus areas defined can vary from project to project. A project does not necessarily need to contribute to all programme objectives. However, it is essential that programme objective 1 is addressed. While there is some room for flexibility when it comes to the wording of project objectives and how to achieve these, the project objectives must be in line with the programme objectives. The project objectives must be specified based on the programme's impact model. Measurable project objectives and results 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) are:

- Scholarships for diploma, master's and doctoral theses for foreign graduates and doctoral candidates in the form of
 - ✓ Sur place scholarships in the candidates home countries
 - ✓ Residence scholarships for study and research stays in Germany
 - ✓ Mobility grant
- Project-related stays of German and foreign lecturers visiting the partner institution

Eligible grant expenditure

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Material resources

- **Material resources in Germany**

- Other costs (one-off lump sum for teaching materials of EUR 100 per person for foreign graduates and doctoral candidates, only available in connection with a stay in Germany)
 - The teaching materials allowance covers all expenditure, such as specialist literature, small laboratory equipment, etc. The teaching materials allowance arises on the first day of the stay in Germany and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants.

Funded individuals

- Travel expenses for funded individuals
 - **Mobility grant** for foreign graduates, doctoral candidates
 - The mobility grant should be specified in the context of the scholarship agreement or scholarship confirmation.
 - **Mobility allowance** for foreign lecturers
 - The **mobility allowance** arises with the first day of the trip and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants.

Partner countries	Mobility grant/allowance (EUR)
Albania	525
Armenia	725
Azerbaijan	650
Belarus	450
Bosnia-Herzegovina	475
Georgia	675
Kazakhstan	750
Kyrgyzstan	725
Kosovo	475
Northern Macedonia	500
Moldova	400
Montenegro	525
Russia (European part)	525
Russia (Asian part)	775
Serbia	300
Tajikistan	1,225
Turkmenistan	1,025
Ukraine	350
Uzbekistan	875

- The mobility grant or allowance covers all costs in the context of the trip (this includes travel and flights as well as expenditure for visa, vaccinations, excess luggage, luggage insurance etc.). Expenditure for inbound and outbound travel (trips/flights) of **German lecturers** visiting the foreign host institution can be claimed in line with the basic principles of economic efficiency and frugality (BRKG/LRKG, only 2nd class rail travel, only economy class flights).

- Stays by funded individuals
 - **Sur place/residence scholarships** for foreign graduates and doctoral candidates (up to 10 individuals) for a total of **up to 10 months** (sur place scholarship for up to 9 months, residence scholarship for up to 3 months).

Status	Sur place scholarship (EUR/month)	Residence scholarship (EUR/month)
Graduates	150	861
Doctoral candidates		1,200

- **Residence allowance for foreign lecturers** of EUR 89 per day for up to 7 days spent in Germany for coordinating the cooperation and research supervision of the scholarship holders
 - The **residence allowance** (for the entire stay) arises on the first day of the stay and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants. The residence allowance covers the expenditure for accommodation and meals as well as for health, accident and indemnity insurance.
- **German lecturers staying** at the foreign partner institution: Accommodation and daily allowance pursuant to the relevant laws (BRKG/LRKG) for up to 7 days.

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Type of financing

Funding takes the form of full financing.

Funding period

The funding period begins at the earliest on 01/09/2022 and ends at the latest on 31/08/2023.

Grant amount

The DAAD grant is generally limited to a maximum total of EUR 20,000 per application.

Discipline(s)

The programme is open to the following disciplines:

- Engineering and agricultural sciences
- Medicine and natural sciences
- Law, economics and social sciences

Target group

Foreign diploma students, graduates, doctoral candidates and lecturers from Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) and West Balkan (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) and German lecturers.

Note:

For the duration of the funding, the graduates and doctoral candidates **must**

- be students of a faculty (involvement of multiple faculties is possible in justified individual cases),
- be in their final year of studies or their doctoral programme, and
- be working on a final project under joint supervision of lecturers from their home university and the German host institution.

Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education state institutions and non-university research institutions based in Germany which are recognised as non-profit organisations and conduct their own research, who maintain acknowledged research relations with a higher education institution in the countries listed above.

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**Application documents relevant to selection**

- 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)
- CVs of graduates and doctoral candidates (using the **form template** 'CV' only) (attachment type: Programme-specific attachments)
- Approval by the university management, see **form template** (attachment type: Programme-specific attachments)

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 and amendments, including to the finance plan, will no longer be considered after the application deadline. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Application documents that may be subsequently submitted

- Approval of the university management (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)

Applications for scholarships for partnerships with different higher education institution can be submitted as a single or as multiple applications.

The names of the scholarship candidates and the supervising lecturers must be listed in the application. Projects will be considered to a lesser extent if the potential scholarship holders are not known at the time of application or not named in the application.

Application deadline

The application deadline is **31 January 2022**.

Selection procedure**Selection of applications for project funding**

The DAAD will make its project funding decision with involvement of a selection committee appointed by the DAAD.

Selection criteria

Projects will be assessed based on the following criteria:

1. Relationship of the project to the programme objectives (as per the impact model) and impact-oriented planning using indicators that meet the SMART criteria (see section 2 of the **Guide to Impact-oriented Monitoring**)
2. Cooperation with the partner institution in the context of existing long-term research cooperation
3. Research supervision of the scholarship holders at the German higher education institution including the young researchers' access to existing facilities and training offers at the German institution (e.g. Graduate School), joint supervision of scholarship holders by the lecturers at their home institution and the German host institution
4. Contribution to promoting junior researchers in the target regions

5. Expected promotion of the research cooperation between the partner institution through the project, and suitability of the project as a starting point for further cooperation
6. Presentation of the topics of the final projects and their integration into the research cooperation of the higher education institutions involved
7. Linguistic preparation of the students for their study stay at the host institution

Scholarship selection process

Selection of funded individuals

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

The selection procedure must be described in the project description.

- Public announcement of the scholarship offer at the partner institution
- Composition of the selection committee (e.g. grant recipients, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (e.g. selection of the best candidates, subject-specific or personal aptitude, etc.)
- Awarding of the scholarship
 - By scholarship contract (e.g. 'scholarship confirmation' or 'declaration of acceptance')
 - Delivery of a scholarship certificate (here: naming of the DAAD and the funding body and specific description of the scholarship services and their amount (e.g. residence or mobility allowances, tuition fees, etc.))

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Attachments to the call for applications

Guide to Impact-oriented Monitoring

Important information and templates

- Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness
- Project description
- Project planning summary
- CV form
- Approval by the university management

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