

## PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

**Ukraine digital:  
Ensuring academic success in times of crisis (2022)**

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The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) finances the programme "Ukraine digital: Ensuring academic success in times of crisis" as part of the "International Mobility and Digital Cooperation (IMKD)" programme with funding provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine has a devastating impact on Ukraine's higher education institutions and science system. Many lecturers, researchers, and students have fled. Buildings and infrastructure in the most heavily embattled cities and areas have been damaged or destroyed. Despite flight and destruction, the Ukrainian higher education institutions are trying to facilitate virtual study courses and programmes. The Ukrainian parliament has passed relevant legislation for the implementation and maintenance of virtual teaching. However, many lecturers are no longer available because they have fled or joined the armed forces. Hence, many courses cannot be offered in their entirety which means that students are unable to complete their studies. In peacetime, digitalisation is also contributing to the internationalisation of Ukrainian higher education institutions and their integration into the European higher education and research area. Additionally, it was an essential component of higher education reform in Ukraine before the outbreak of war.

The programme "Ukraine digital: Ensuring academic success in times of crisis" supports Ukrainian higher education institutions in maintaining, implementing, and offering their virtual courses. Consequently, Ukrainian students have the prospect of completing their studies despite the limitations caused by the war. At the same time, German higher education institutions offer a virtual platform for Ukrainian refugee students so they can continue and complete their current studies in Ukraine virtually.

Involving Ukrainian scientists/researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions who are in Germany or other European countries enables them to continue teaching virtually at their home institutions. Therefore, lessons can also be held in the national language from abroad.

Among other things, this programme maintains and creates lasting connections that are of fundamental importance for the reconstruction and future German-Ukrainian cooperation between higher education institutions.

Programme objective 1: The need for virtual teaching for ongoing courses in Ukraine has been determined.

Programme objective 2: Virtual courses are expanded, offered, and used by students.

Programme objective 3: Ukrainian scientists/researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions, especially those who have fled, are involved in the courses.

Programme objective 4: The expertise and structural framework for further digitalisation of the participating German and Ukrainian higher education institutions are available and can be used for the development of further joint virtual and Ukrainian virtual courses as well as for the reconstruction of the higher education institutions.

### **Prospect for a post-combat reconstruction funding phase**

If possible, a call for application for follow-up funding will be published as part of a reconstruction funding phase after combat activities have ended. This is intended to provide longer-term assistance and intensify German-Ukrainian virtual university cooperation.

## **ELIGIBLE MEASURES / ACTIVITIES**

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Eligible measures / activities include:

- Compilation of virtual teaching and learning formats as well as corresponding materials in different languages
- Translations of existing educational materials
- Virtual teaching in various languages for Ukrainian students by German lecturers and by Ukrainian scientists/researchers and lecturers, regardless of their current place of residence
- Training courses for up to 3 weeks to enhance virtual skills for Ukrainian scientists/researchers and lecturers
- Awarding online scholarships for study and training purposes for Ukrainian students and doctoral candidates in Ukraine, insofar as these are necessary for successful participation in the course or study programme, for example due to having fled within Ukraine
- Awarding scholarships for study and training purposes for Ukrainian students and doctoral candidates in Germany in connection with a study programme in Ukraine
- Awarding scholarships for research stays for Ukrainian scientists/researchers in Germany
- Development and implementation of virtual and physical accompanying measures and support services (e.g. online German courses, tutor programmes) for Ukrainian students and doctoral candidates in Ukraine and Germany

### PLEASE NOTE

#### Possible measures for prospective follow-up funding

The following measures are intended for a follow-up funding as part of a reconstruction funding phase after the end of combat activities and hence cannot be part of a proposed project within the framework of this call for applications:

- Development of support and service points for digitalisation at the partnering higher education institution(s)
- Development and expansion of virtual teaching, learning and exchange platforms (e.g. establishment / expansion of campus and learning management systems)
- Participation of Ukrainian and German scientists/researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions in workshops, training courses, etc. at the respective partnering and other Ukrainian institutions

## ELIGIBLE FUNDING EXPENDITURES

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Funding may cover all expenditures which are necessary for carrying out the project (implementation of measures/activities) and which are not excluded (see measures for prospective follow-up funding above and non-eligible expenses below). These specifically include:

#### Personnel expenses for project implementation and management

- Academic staff
- Research assistants
- Student assistants
- Other personnel

#### Please note:

Ukrainian teaching personnel can also be hired as project staff in Germany as part of the funding, provided their residence status allows this.

Personnel expenses include the gross wage to be paid by the employer (AG Bruttoentgelt). Annual bonuses are only eligible for funding for the approval period and only if the bonus is paid during this period.

Should there be problems concerning the employment of student assistants for project-related administrative tasks, projects may apply for expenditures for TV-L employees (up to E8) instead.

#### Material expenses

##### FEES

specifically for:

- Lectureships for Ukrainian and German scientists/researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions in Germany or other European countries to carry out virtual teaching in several languages. (Fees for the teaching personnel of the applying German higher education institution are eligible only for virtual courses that are offered exclusively for Ukrainian students)

and which are not part of the teaching obligations of their own higher education institution. For fees for personnel of the applying German higher education institution to be eligible, the form „Confirmation of project-specific payment of fees to employed personnel“ needs to be filled out, see **form templates**.)

The following rates apply:

51 - 83 Euros/hour  
350 - 566 Euros/7 hours (full day)

If applicable, the lower rate may be applied to match the usual remuneration at the place of residence.

- Experts for skill development within the higher education institution(s) and for media professionalisation
- Translation services

#### MOBILITY EXPENSES FOR PROJECT PERSONNEL

Funding to cover travel/flight expenses can be applied for and claimed in accordance with federal and state travel expense laws (BRKG/LRKG); rail travel (regardless of its duration) only 2nd class, flights only economy class.

#### ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES FOR PROJECT PERSONNEL

Funding to cover the costs of accommodation (board and lodging) can be applied for and claimed in accordance with federal and state travel expense laws (BRKG/LRKG).

#### MATERIAL RESOURCES

- Consumable goods
- Commodities (only in justified cases and only small equipment and software licenses intended exclusively for refugee Ukrainian students, junior scientists/researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions. The total amount may not exceed 30.000 Euros.)
- Room rental (e.g. for conference rooms, office leases, incl. conference equipment)
- Print media/publications/advertising and public relations materials (e.g. websites social media, newsletters, flyers, scientific publications)
- External services (IT consulting, development of virtual teaching materials, catering, bus operators)
- Other expenses (participation fees, banking fees for international money transfer)

Non eligible expenses are acquisition and production of items for the basic equipment of the German high education institution.

**Funded individuals** (funding of individuals who are not employed by the grant recipient)

#### MOBILITY OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- Mobility scholarship  
for training and study purposes as well as for research purposes of **Ukrainian students, doctoral candidates, post-doctoral fellows, experienced scientists/researchers, professors** (mobility between current place of residence in a European country ↔ Germany and back) (see **attachment**)
  - › The mobility scholarship must be disclosed as a benefit in the scholarship contract or scholarship notification.
  
- Mobility lump sum  
For training purposes in **Germany for Ukrainian scientists/researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions**, a mobility lump sum can be applied for and claimed for mobility between their current place of residence in a European country ↔ Germany and back (see **attachment**)
  - › The mobility lump sum is eligible on the first day of the trip and must be verified by a list of participants, signed by the participants. The mobility lump sum covers all expenses related to the trip (in addition to travel and flights, this also includes expenses for visas, vaccinations, excess baggage, baggage insurance, etc.).
  
- Expenses for **mobility within Germany** to a reasonable extent can be applied for and claimed in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and viability.
  
- Expenses for travel/flight **within Ukraine or within another European country** to a reasonable extent can be applied for and claimed according to the principles of economic efficiency and viability.

#### ACCOMMODATION OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

##### in Ukraine

- Online scholarship  
for **Ukrainian students and doctoral candidates in Ukraine** in the amount of 200 Euros/month.
  - › The online scholarship must be disclosed as a benefit in the scholarship contract or scholarship notification.

##### Accommodation in Germany

- Accommodation scholarship  
for training and study purposes as well as for research purposes of **Ukrainian refugee students, doctoral students, post-doctoral students, experienced scientists/researchers, professors** as follows:

Status	Monthly rate (Euro)	Daily rate following month (Euro)
Students	861	29
Doctoral students	1.200	40
Post-doctoral students	2.000	67
Experienced scientists/researchers (comparable to “Habilitation/r” in Germany)	2.150	72
Professors or scientists/researchers in similar capacity	2.300	77

- › The accommodation scholarship must be disclosed as a benefit in the scholarship contract.
- Accommodation lump sum  
For training purposes in **Germany for Ukrainian scientists/researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions**, the following accommodation lump sums can be applied for and claimed:

Status	Daily rate (Euro)
Experienced scientists/researchers (comparable to “Habilitation/r” in Germany)	96
Professors or scientists/researchers in similar capacity	103

- › The accommodation lump sum is eligible on the first day of the trip and must be verified by a list of participants, signed by the participants. The accommodation lump sum covers board and lodging, health insurance, accident insurance and liability insurance.

#### TYPE OF FINANCING

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Funding is provided as a full financing.

#### FUNDING PERIOD

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The funding period begins on 1 June 2022 at the earliest and ends on 31 December 2022 at the latest.

#### SUM OF FINANCING

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The general maximum sum of the DAAD-grant is 250.000 €.

## DISCIPLINES

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This programme is open to all disciplines and subject areas.

## TARGET GROUP

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German and Ukrainian students, doctoral candidates, scientists/researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions.

## ELIGIBILITY

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Public and state-accredited German higher education institutions are eligible to apply for funding.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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The funding application must be submitted in full and on time via the DAAD online portal ([www.mydaad.de](http://www.mydaad.de)) in German or English.

- Project application (available on the DAAD-Portal)
- Financing plan (available on the DAAD-Portal)
- Project description, cf. template (attachment type: project description)
- Informal confirmation from a representative of the Ukrainian higher education institution(s) regarding the need for the courses and measures offered (attachment type: contracts/agreements)
- Document of support for the project application by the leadership of the German higher education institution, cf. template (attachment type: programme-specific attachment)
- If applicable: Confirmation of project-specific payment of fees to employed personnel (attachment type: programme-specific attachment)

Following the application deadline, the DAAD will neither request missing documents nor consider documents submitted or changes made at a later date. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

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Applications may be submitted as of publication date. The application deadline is **20 June 2022** (CET).

## SELECTION PROCESS

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### Selection of applications for project funding

Funding applications are selected based on evaluation of a DAAD-appointed selection committee.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

- (1) plausibility of the proposed project
  - › Project objectives relate to programme objectives (according to the programme objectives listed in the programme framework)
  - › Correlation of the measures to the project objectives and the proposed progress over time
  - › Necessity of expenditures for implementation of the measures
  - › (prior) Consultation with the Ukrainian higher education institution regarding the proposed virtual courses
- (2) (Level of) experience with virtual teaching and digital administration
- (3) Technological requirements (existing digital infrastructure)
- (4) Involvement of Ukrainian lecturers (scientists/researchers, higher education lecturers)
- (5) Expected relevance and broader impact

## ATTACHMENT

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Country-specific mobility and accommodation lump sums (only in German)

## SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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### Scholarship selection

A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient selects scholarship holders based on their applications.

The selection procedure is to be outlined 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, professional or personal aptitude)
- Awarding of the scholarship
  - › by scholarship contract (e.g. “scholarship commitment” and “declaration of acceptance”)
  - › Delivery of a scholarship certificate (here: name of the DAAD, the sponsor, specific description of the scholarship benefits and their amount, e.g. accommodation and mobility scholarship)



## FORM TEMPLATES

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- Project description
- Document of support for the project application by the leadership of the German higher education institution
- Confirmation of project-specific payment of fees to employed personnel
- Participant list
- Project report

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Information on mobility with disability or chronic illness

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