



**PROGRAMME
OBJECTIVES**

FUNDING FRAMEWORK

Leonhard-Euler-Programme 2023-2024

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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 German 'Diploma' degree/master's students 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 Diploma/master's 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:

- **Programme objective 1** (outcome 1): Students and young researchers have obtained (further) discipline-specific and/or methodological qualifications
- **Programme 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 German "Diploma" degree/master's students 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. The wording of project objectives and ways to achieve objectives allow for some flexibility, but the project objectives must be in line with the programme objectives. The project objectives must be specified based on the programme's results framework.

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 results-oriented project planning, the

results framework and the catalogue of indicators, please refer to the **Attachment** ‘Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring’.

Environmental sustainability

The DAAD has set itself the target of further reducing its environmental footprint as an organisation and funding provider. In the context of project funding, efforts should be made to plan and realise all projects in a way that preserves resources and protects the climate and the environment. This particularly applies to mobility/travel. Depending on the type and scope of the project, it may also affect procurement and contract tendering, event management, or marketing and public relations work. (Information about this aspect is provided voluntarily and is not relevant to the selection process.)

MEASURES/ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

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Measures/activities eligible for funding (in line with the results framework) are:

- Granting of mobility grants and residence scholarships for foreign students and doctoral candidates, including:
 - › Study completion scholarships (Diploma/master's degree, doctorate)
 - › Study and/or research scholarships (including sur place)
- Stays of German and foreign higher education lecturers at the respective partner institution

EXPENDITURE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

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Material resources

MATERIAL RESOURCES IN GERMANY

- Other costs
 - › **Teaching materials allowance:** one-off payment of EUR 100 per person for foreign Diploma/master's students and doctoral candidates (only when staying in Germany)
 - › The teaching materials allowance covers all expenditure, such as specialist literature or small laboratory equipment. 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 Diploma/master's students and 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. The mobility 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.).

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

- Expenditure for mobility (trips/flights) of **German lecturers** travelling from Germany to the foreign partner institution can be claimed in line with basic principles of economic efficiency and frugality (only 2nd class rail travel, only economy class flights).

STAYS BY FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- **Sur place/residence scholarship** for up to 10 foreign Diploma/master's students and doctoral candidates for **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) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Students | 150 | 934 |
| Doctoral candidate | | 1,200 |

- **Residence allowance for foreign higher education lecturers** for stays in Germany for coordinating the cooperation and for providing academic support to scholarship holders of EUR 89 per day for up to 7 days
 - › The **residence allowance** 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.

- Expenditure for stays (accommodation and meals) of **German higher education lecturers** at the foreign partner institution can be applied for and claimed for up to 7 days in line with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality (for staff of the grant recipient according to the relevant laws: BRKG/LRKG).

TYPE OF FINANCING

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Funding takes the form of full financing.

FUNDING PERIOD

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The funding period begins at the earliest on 1 September 2023 and ends at the latest on 31 August 2024.

GRANT AMOUNT

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A grant of up to EUR 20,000 can be applied for.

FIELDS OF STUDY

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The programme is open to **all fields of study**.

TARGET GROUP

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Foreign German "Diploma" degree/master's students, doctoral candidates and higher education lecturers from the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) and the West Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) and German higher education lecturers.

Note:

For the duration of funding, the German "Diploma" degree/master's students and doctoral candidates **must**

- be students of a faculty (involvement of multiple faculties is possible in 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 partner institution.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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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.

SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION

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Note:

Due to Russia's attack on Ukraine, the DAAD has suspended any institutional forms of cooperation with partners in the Russian Federation and Belarus for the time being. Against this background, no applications are possible for project funding with partner institutions in the Russian Federation and Belarus.

The application for project funding may only be submitted in complete form and before the deadline via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).

- Project application (in the DAAD portal)
- Financing 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 students and doctoral candidates (using the **form template** 'CV' only) (attachment type: Programme-specific attachments)
- Approval of the university management or explanation in the case of delayed submission before conclusion of the contract, see **form template** (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)

No changes to the financing plan, project description or any amended documents or documents submitted later are accepted after the application deadline. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.

In deviation from this rule, approval by the German university management may be submitted later on up to the point a contract is concluded, however, this is an exception and must be explained in the application that must be submitted before the deadline.

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 holders and the supervising lecturers must be indicated in the application. Any project applications without this information will be considered to a lesser extent.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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The application deadline is 30 January 2023.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

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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

- (1) Relationship of the project to the programme objectives (as per the results framework) and results-oriented planning using indicators that meet the SMART criteria (see Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring)
- (2) Necessity of expenditure for realising the measures
- (3) Cooperation with the partner institution in the context of existing long-term research cooperation
- (4) 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
- (5) Contribution to promoting junior researchers in the target regions
- (6) 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
- (7) Presentation of the topics of the final projects and their integration into the research cooperation of the higher education institutions involved
- (8) Linguistic preparation of the students for their study stay at the host institution

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCEDURE

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Selection procedure for scholarships

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
- 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)
- 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 scholarship, tuition fees)

ATTACHMENTS

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Guide to RoM (including results framework and catalogue of indicators)

FORM TEMPLATES

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- Project description
- Project planning summary

- CV form template
- Endorsement by the university management

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness

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