



PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

FUNDING FRAMEWORK

Ta'ziz

Science Cooperations 2023 – 2025

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The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – DAAD) is awarding funds provided by the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt) to support the programme line 'Ta'ziz Science Cooperations' under the 'Ta'ziz Partnership' programme. The Arabic word 'Ta'ziz' means 'strengthening /consolidation' and is intended to clearly express the planned outcome of this programme.

The 'Ta'ziz Partnership' programme includes two further programme lines: '[Ta'ziz Short-Term Measures](#)' and '[Ta'ziz Networking](#)'. Each of these two programme lines has its own respective funding framework.

All programme lines of the 'Ta'ziz Partnership' programme support political processes aimed at more democracy and rule of law in the MENA region. Higher education and academic cooperation play an important role in times of social and political transformation. A Ta'ziz Partnership creates additional opportunities to strive for reform at Arabic higher education institutions, and to include non-university partners from academia and research, the public sector (e.g. politics, administration, state-owned corporations/enterprises), business (e.g. private companies, industrial companies) or civil society (e.g. NGOs, associations, foundations). In all programme lines special attention is paid to the participation of women, diversity and the increase of practical relevance in order to improve the employability of the participants.

Funding under the Ta'ziz Science Cooperations programme line moreover focuses on making an impactful contribution towards structural changes in the partner countries' science systems. These science cooperations can build on established partnerships and pursue longer-term impacts in the fields of **teaching, research** and/or **higher education management**.

In this case, the boundaries between **teaching, research** and/or **higher education management** may not just be fluid, they should even mutually reinforce and meaningfully complement one another.

The ability to combine these fields creates the opportunity for the partner institutions to develop a flexible strategy given the demands and constraints of each project proposal. The participating higher education institutions are to be offered a service that is geared towards the realities of science.

Funding under the Ta'ziz Science Cooperations programme line is intended to establish innovative teaching methods, improve knowledge transfer from research results into teaching and society, increase the employability of

graduates and/or establish/ strengthen management capacities relating to aspects including (social) participation in science and academia in the MENA region (**Middle East & North Africa**); primarily in **Tunisia, Sudan, Lebanon** and **Iraq**, but also in **Egypt, Algeria, Yemen, Jordan, Libya** and **Morocco**.

The programme is designed to have a long-term effect(**impact**) on...

- the sustainable strengthening of academic freedom in the participating partner countries.
- supporting reform efforts in the higher education sectors and the societies of the participating partner countries.
- the establishment and expansion of cooperation structures and the transfer of knowledge between the participating higher education institutions and (non-)university partners.
- the sustainable improvement of the quality of teaching, research and higher education management at the participating higher education institutions.

To achieve these long-term effects (impacts), the programme pursues the following programme objectives (**outcomes**):

- Programme objective 1 (outcome 1): students, lecturers, (junior) scientists/ researchers and higher education management staff have acquired (inter)disciplinary and/or administrative competences.
- Programme objective 2 (outcome 2): the partner higher education institutions are offering improved courses geared towards socially relevant topics that correspond to the local context and reflect the state of the art in science.
- Programme objective 3 (outcome 3): reformative projects in the fields of teaching, research and/or higher education management have been jointly implemented (including the involvement of non-university partners).
- Programme objective 4 (outcome 4): innovative and/or socially relevant topics have been integrated into teaching and/or research projects/ priorities at the participating higher education institutions.
- Programme objective 5 (outcome 5): organisational structures in the fields of teaching, research, higher education management and knowledge transfer are established and/or being strengthened at the participating higher education institutions.

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

- Teaching, research and/or higher education management contacts between the participating higher education institutions and (non-)university partners are intensified and/or extended.
- Students, lecturers, (junior) scientists/ researchers and/or higher education management staff acquire (inter)disciplinary and/or administrative competences.

- Curricula/ teaching modules, classes or other courses that correspond to the local context and reflect the state of the art in science are (further) developed (including the involvement of non-university partners).
- Research concepts and/or products are formulated/ are available (including the involvement of non-university partners).
- Concepts for improved/adapted organisational structures are formulated (including the involvement of non-university partners).

Different priorities can be set in each project.

A project does not necessarily need to address all programme objectives. The higher education institutions are asked to develop their projects based on the programme's results framework and programme indicators. This enables them to formulate measurable project goals and associated indicators. These must be outlined in the application and in the project planning overview, and the project objectives must be consistent with the programme objectives (see **Annex 2** 'Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring' with instructions for results-oriented project planning, the results framework and the catalogue of indicators).

Environmental sustainability

The DAAD has set itself the target of further reducing its ecological 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 relate to procurement and contract tendering, event management, or marketing and public relations activities. (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 include:

- Project-related exchange of students, lecturers, (junior) scientists/ researchers and/or higher education management staff
- Implementation of (digital) events (e.g. continuing professional development sessions, workshops, summer schools, symposiums, conferences)
- (Further) development of knowledge-related products, concepts and/or materials for teaching, research and higher education management (including curricula, (digital) teaching content, innovative teaching methods, publications, online platforms, web-seminars/online courses/live interactive training, models, exhibitions)
- Creation of the necessary conditions for (digital) implementation of the project (such as required IT software/ licenses for the digital element of the development, set up and maintenance of communication/ learning platforms, internet sites, e-journals, online libraries)
- Joint implementation of targeted public relations and marketing activities (creation of printed matter such as flyers, posters, brochures, guides; (digital) events/ meetings; podcasts and/or explanatory videos)

Not eligible for funding are:

- Representative trips not related to a project
- Stays (e.g. research, teaching and study stays) that serve exclusively to fund individuals and are not granted as part of a partnership project.

ELIGIBLE GRANT EXPENDITURE

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see **Attachment 1**

FORWARDING

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Forwarding of the project funding grant to a project partner (fully or in part) is possible, if it is necessary to achieve the purpose of the grant.

The expenditure items that are to be forwarded must be marked accordingly in the financing plan that is part of the application for project funding submitted to the DAAD.

If the specific details of forwarding are not known yet at the time the application for project funding is submitted (before a contract is concluded), expenditure that may be forwarded can be designated as the institution's own expenditure in the financing plan for the time being. In the event that specific plans to forward funding emerge after the contract has been concluded, the grant recipient must seek approval from the DAAD by means of an amendment agreement (adjustment of the project description and financing plan).

Any forwarding of funds must take place on the basis of a forwarding agreement.

Evidence of use from the forwarding recipient must be submitted to the DAAD along with the related audit certificate.

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 March 2023 and ends at the latest on 31 December 2025.

GRANT AMOUNT

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In the case of a **bi-lateral** science cooperation, a grant of up to **300,000 euros** may be requested, to be distributed as follows across the budget year in the approval period:

2023: EUR 100,000
2024: EUR 100,000
2025: EUR 100,000

In the case of a **tri-** or **multilateral** science cooperation involving more than one Arab partner country the grant is generally up to **375,000 euros**, split into budget years as follows:

2023: EUR 125,000
2024: EUR 125,000
2025: EUR 125,000

DISCIPLINES

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The programme is open to all disciplines.

TARGET GROUP

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Students (bachelor's/ master's degree), doctoral candidates, lecturers, (junior) researchers, professors, higher education management staff

There should be a major drive for the involvement of non-university partners from academia and research, the public sector (e.g. politics, administration, state-owned corporations), business (e.g. private companies, industrial operations) or civil society (e.g. NGOs, associations, foundations) from Germany and the above-mentioned Arab partner countries.

The inclusion of alumnae and alumni from Germany would be welcomed.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education state institutions and/or non-university research institutions based in Germany which are recognised as non-profit organisations and conduct their own research.

SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION

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

- Project application with details of all partners (via the DAAD portal)
- Financing plan (exclusively via the DAAD portal)
- Project description (exclusively using the **form template**) (attachment type: project description)
- Project planning overview (exclusively using the **form template**) (attachment type: project description)
- Project description and financing plan of the forwarding recipient/s (if known at submission of the application, otherwise to be submitted as soon as known) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)

- Any cooperation agreement involving the participating higher education institution/s (memorandum of understanding or letter of intent) (attachment type: contracts/ agreements)
- Project approval by the higher education management(s) (see **form template**) or an explanation if not available until the application deadline. In this case, it must be submitted before the contract is signed (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Project approval by the foreign higher education management(s) (see **form template**) or an explanation if not available until the application deadline. In this case, it must be submitted before the contract is signed (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Confirmation letter from the non-university partners or an explanation if not available until the application deadline. In this case, it must be submitted before the contract is signed (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)

Modifications to the financing plan, project description, project planning summary or any documents submitted or modified after the application deadline can no longer be considered. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.

As an exception to this rule, the co-operation agreement and the project approval of the German and foreign higher education management and the confirmation letter from the non-university partners may subsequently be submitted up to the point at which a contract is concluded. This must be justified in the timely application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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The application deadline is **8 December 2022**

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 (according to the results framework) and results-oriented planning using indicators that meet the SMART criteria (see Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring) (weighting: 15%)
- (2) Necessity of expenditure for realising the activities (weighting: 5%)
- (3) Academic quality of the project (the focus is on professional cooperation in teaching, research and/or higher education management) and the balance of the activities (weighting: 25%)

- (4) Acquisition of competences of students, lecturers, researchers and/or higher education management staff (weighting: 20%)
- (5) Contribution to innovative and/or socially relevant aspects relating to teaching, research and/or higher education management, with particular attention to aspects of gender equality (weighting: 20%), demonstrably discernible by:
 - Reformative projects
 - Integration and exchange among students and junior scientists (promotion of junior scientists)
 - Inclusion of / networking with (non-)university partners
- (6) Contribution to the development and sustainable strengthening of organisational structures in the fields of teaching, research, higher education management and knowledge transfer (weighting: 15%)

PARTICIPANT SELECTION PROCEDURE

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A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient is to decide on the selection of participants with special consideration to the participation of women and to diversity.

The selection procedure must be described in the project description.

- Public announcement of the funding programme
- Composition of the selection committee (e.g. grant recipient, partner higher education institution(s), number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (e.g. selection of the best/ most talented, professional performance, personal suitability in terms of social and cultural commitment, motivation; aspects relating to diversity and equal opportunity)
- Documentation of the selection decision in a selection protocol

ATTACHMENTS

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1. Eligible grant expenditure
2. Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring (including results framework and catalogue of indicators)
3. Honorarium table

FORM TEMPLATES

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- Project description
- Project planning overview
- Project approval by German higher education management
- Project approval by foreign higher education management

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness
- Exemplary project planning overview

- Overview of help texts for mandatory/ detailed information in the financing plan
- FAQ
- Link to results-oriented monitoring [video 1](#) and [video 2](#)
- Information event notification

Information event relating to the Ta'ziz Partnership programme lines on 17 October 2022 from 14:00 to 16:00 via MS Teams

Information event relating to submission of an application (with results-oriented monitoring (ROM)) on 25 October 2022 from 10:00 to 12:00 via MS Teams

free-form registration please via email to P24@daad.de stating your name, function, institution, department and email address

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