CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Programmes for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP) to start in 2025

The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – DAAD) promotes funds provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) to encourage ‘Programmes for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP)’. Outside Germany the programme is promoted by the partner organisations listed below.

The PPP encourage project-based co-operation in research between German and foreign research teams that work together on an equal footing on a cutting-edge topic. The expertise of the teams should complement each other to produce transfer of knowledge so that the binational co-operation is of added value for both teams.

The programme makes a long-term contribution (impact) to the establishment of high-performing cosmopolitan higher education and research institutions and to sustainable networking, as well as promoting the level of internationalisation of the higher education and research institutions involved.

The programme objectives of the funding program are:
1: Young researchers have gained international research experience and further international qualifications
2: Bi-national research collaborations are strengthened and are the starting point for further collaborations

With regard to the funding logic as well as the results (outputs), program objectives (outcomes) and longer-term effects (impacts) of the funding program, see impact structure (Attachment 3).

The focus areas defined can vary from project to project. A project does not have to contribute to all programme objectives. However, it is essential that each project must contribute to enabling junior researchers to gain international research experience and to undergo further training at an international level (Programme Objective 1).

Ecological sustainability

The DAAD has set itself the goal of further reducing its ecological footprint - as an organization as well as a funding body. Within the framework of project funding, the planning and implementation of projects should strive to be resource, climate and environmentally friendly. This applies in particular to mobility/travel, and, depending on the type and scope of the project, may also relate to procurement and contracting, event management, or marketing and public relations. (For the time being information on this is voluntary and not yet relevant for selection). Further information on the climate-sensitive
Diversity
In our Diversity Agenda, the DAAD has identified diversity, equality and inclusion as important goals for international academic exchange. Through our project funding, talented people should get the opportunity to contribute their diversity and differing perspectives. These overarching goals must be considered when planning and delivering projects. People with disabilities or chronic illnesses can receive special funding. More information on this can be found in our “Information on mobility with disability or chronic illness” guidelines. Further information on diversity and equality in DAAD-funded projects can be found in the information sheet.

MEASURES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Measures/activities eligible for funding are:

- Research stays at the partner organisation abroad

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Funded individuals

TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- Mobility allowance (see Attachment 2)
  - Mobility between Germany ↔ partner countries
    - For graduates, doctoral students (category II), post-doctoral students, experienced researchers and professors (category I), a mobility allowance can be applied for and claimed for travel/flight from Germany to the partner country and back.
    - Eligibility for the mobility allowance arises with the 1st day of the trip; evidence must be provided in the form of a participant list. The mobility allowance covers all expenses related to the trip (including not only travel and flights but also expenses for visas, vaccinations, excess baggage, baggage insurance, etc.).

RESIDENCE OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- Residence allowance (see Attachment 2)
  - For graduates, doctoral students (category II), post-doctoral students, experienced researchers and professors (category I), a lump-sum accommodation allowance (room and board) can be applied for and claimed.
  - Eligibility for the residence allowance arises with the 1st day of the stay and must be evidence in the form of a participant list. The residence allowance covers expenses for accommodation and food as well as health, accident and liability insurance.
TYPE OF FINANCING 4 Funding takes place in the form of fixed-sum financing.

PERIOD OF FUNDING 5 The funding period begins at the earliest on 1st January 2025 and ends at the latest on 31st December 2027. The maximum duration of funding is 2 years (24 months). Start of funding for the destination country, see Attachment 1

AMOUNT OF FUNDING 6 see Attachment 1

DISCIPLINES 7 see Attachment 1

TARGET GROUPS 8 see Attachment 1

ELIGIBLE FOR APPLICATION 9 Eligible to apply are officially recognised German higher education institutions and non-university research facilities situated in Germany.

APPLICATION 10 The application for project funding may only be submitted in complete form and before the deadline via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de). In addition, the following documents must be uploaded in the "Attachments" tab:

- Project description (in German or English, see form template) (attachment type: project description)
- Research profile/CV of the German principal investigator (up to 3 pages) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Research profile/CV of the non-German principal investigator (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- List of project-relevant publications by the German principal investigator in the past 5 years (up to 4 pages) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- List of project-relevant publications by the non-German principal investigator in the past 5 years (up to 4 pages) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Brief CVs of any other project participants that have already been selected at the time of application (up to 3 pages) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Confirmation from the project assistant if applicable (attachment type: confirmation from the project assistant)
Subsequent submissions and amendments, including to the financing plan, will no longer be considered after the application deadline. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.

The applicant’s foreign partner must usually submit a corresponding application for funding to the foreign cooperation partner of the DAAD (see Attachment 1).

**DEADLINE(S) FOR APPLICATION**

See Attachment 1

**SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS**

Selection of applications for project funding

The funding decision of the DAAD will take place based on an expert assessment of the application performed by a selection committee.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Technical and content-related quality of the project in relation to the achievement of the project and programme objectives (weighting: 60%)
2. Quality and rigour of the project planning (weighting: 20 %)
3. Appropriate participation of early career researchers (weighting: 10 %)
4. Consideration of diversity (weighting: 5 %)
5. Climate-sensitive project organisation (weighting: 5 %)

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Country-specific terms and conditions
2. Table of allowances for stays abroad and international mobility
3. Impact structure
4. Catalogue of indicators

**TEMPLATES**

- Project description

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Information sheet „Informationen zur Mobilität mit Behinderung und chronischer Erkrankung“
- Information sheet „Merkblatt Mobilität und Nachhaltigkeit“
- Information sheet "Climate-sensitive implementation of international higher education cooperation in DAAD project funding"
- Information sheet "Diversity and equality in DAAD-funded projects"
- FAQ Application PPP
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