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FUNDING FRAMEWORK

Leonhard-Euler-Programme 2025-2026

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

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The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst - DAAD) supports the funding programme “Leonhard-Euler” with funds from the Federal Foreign Office (AA).

Funding is provided for combined study and research stays for diploma/master’s students and doctoral candidates from universities in the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), the Southern Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) and the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia), Azerbaijan, Georgia) and the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) at the home university (sur place) and at the partner university in Germany to realise their diploma/master's and doctoral theses. The research stays are part of a binational education and research cooperation between the partner universities in one (or several related) discipline(s). Academic supervision during the stay is provided by foreign and German university lecturers.

The objectives of the funding programme are:

- 1: Foreign diploma/master’s students and doctoral candidates have obtained (further) discipline-specific and/or methodological qualifications.
- 2: Binational research projects are strengthened and can be used to build future collaborations.

With regard to the funding logic and the results (outputs), programme objectives (outcomes) and medium-to-long-term effects (impacts) of the funding programme, see the results framework in the WoM handout (see **Annex**).

Project objectives do not have to be defined for all programme objectives. However, at least one project objective must be determined for the programme objective 1.

Ecological sustainability

The DAAD has set itself the goal of further reducing its ecological footprint as an organisation and funding body. In the context of project funding, efforts should be made to plan and implement projects in a way that preserves resources, the climate and the environment. This applies in particular to mobility/travelling and, depending on the type and scope of the project, can also relate to procurement and allocation, event management or marketing and public relations. Further information on climate-sensitive implementation of

international university cooperation in DAAD project funding can be found in the [handout](#).

Diversity

In its diversity agenda, the DAAD defines diversity, equal opportunities and inclusion as important cross-cutting goals for international academic exchange. Thus, talented people should be given the opportunity to contribute their diversity and different perspectives in the context of project funding. Projects must be planned and realised with this cross-cutting objective into account. Additional funding can be provided for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses (see information sheet "Information on mobility with disabilities and chronic illnesses"). Further information on diversity and equal opportunities in DAAD-funded projects can be found in the [handout](#).

ELIGIBLE MEASURES

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Eligible measures are:

- Study and research stays (max. 12 months):
Award of **max. 10 scholarships** for diploma/master's students and doctoral candidates from the partner university abroad to complete their final theses for
 - › research stays in Germany (min. 1 to max. 3 months)
 - › **in combination** with Sur-Place scholarships
- Academic supervision of scholarship holders and coordination of cooperation activities by German and foreign university lecturers at the respective partner university (stays of max. 7 days)

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

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All expenditure necessary for the realisation of the project (implementation of the measures) is eligible for funding. This includes in particular:

Material resources

MATERIAL RESOURCES IN GERMANY

- Other expenditure
 - › Allowance for research materials:
Foreign diploma/master's students and doctoral candidates can apply for and claim a one-off allowance of 100 euros/person for research materials during their stay in Germany.
 - › The allowance for research materials covers all expenses such as specialist literature or small laboratory equipment. The allowance is payable on the first day of the stay in Germany and must be evidenced by a list of participants signed by the participants.

Funded individuals

TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- **Mobility grant**
 - › for foreign diploma/master’s students and doctoral candidates for mobility (travel/flights) to and from Germany (see **Table 1**)
 - › The mobility grant must be specified as benefits in the scholarship agreement or scholarship confirmation.

- **Mobility allowance**
 - › A mobility allowance (see **Table 1**) can be applied for and used by **foreign university lecturers** to cover mobility costs (travel/flights) to and from Germany.
 - › The mobility allowance arises with the first day of the trip and must be evidenced using a participant list signed by the participants (this must be submitted with the interim report/evidence of use). The mobility allowance covers all expenses associated with the trip (including travel and flight costs as well as expenses for visas, vaccinations, excess baggage, baggage insurance, etc.).

Table 1:

Partner country	Mobility grant/mobility allowance (Euro)
Albania	525
Armenia	825
Azerbaijan	675
Bosnia-Herzegovina	525
Georgia	675
Kazakhstan	1.025
Kyrgyzstan	850
Kosovo	675
Northern Macedonia	425
Moldova	700
Montenegro	525
Serbia	400
Tajikistan	1.525
Turkmenistan	1.675
Ukraine	350
Uzbekistan	1.275

- Expenditure for mobility (travel/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 (2nd class rail travel and economy class flights only).

STAYS OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- **Sur-Place/residence scholarship**

- › For foreign diploma/master’s students and doctoral candidates (see **Table 2**)

Table 2:

Status	Sur-Place scholarship (EUR/month)	Residence scholarship (EUR/month)
Students	150	992
Doctoral candidates		1.300

- › The Sur-Place/Residence scholarships must be specified as benefits in the scholarship agreement or scholarship confirmation.
- **Residence allowance for lecturers from the university in the partner country**
 - › For **foreign university lecturers**, an allowance of 89 euros/day can be applied for and claimed for their stay in Germany.
 - › The **mobility allowance** arises from the first day of the trip and must be evidenced by a list of participants signed by the participants (this must be submitted with the interim report/evidence of use). The mobility allowance covers all expenses associated with the trip (including travel and flights as well as expenses for visas, vaccinations, excess baggage, baggage insurance, etc.).
- Expenses for **German university lecturers** for their stay (accommodation and meals) at the foreign partner university can be applied for and claimed in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality.

TYPE OF FINANCING

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Funding is provided by way of full funding.

FUNDING PERIOD

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The funding period begins at the earliest on 01. September 2025 and ends at the latest on 31. August 2026.

GRANT AMOUNT

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

DISCIPLINES

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The programme is open to all disciplines.

TARGET GROUP

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Diploma/master's students, doctoral candidates and university lecturers of above-mentioned partner countries as well as German researchers and university lecturers.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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Eligible applicants are German state and state-recognised higher education institutions and/or non-university research institutions based in Germany, which are recognised as non-profit organisations (conducting their own research) and have established an academic relationship with a higher education institution in one of the above-mentioned partner countries.

SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION

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The application for project funding must be submitted in complete form and in due time exclusively via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de). In addition, the following documents must be uploaded in the "Attachments" tab:

- Project description, see **form template** (attachment type: project description/Projektbeschreibung)
- Endorsement by the university management, see **form template** (attachment type: programme-specific attachments / programmspezifische Anlagen) (subsequent submission with justification possible until conclusion of grant agreement)

After the application deadline, changes to the financing plan, project description and subsequently submitted or amended documents will no longer be considered.

Applications for collaborative grants with more than one university may be submitted in one or in separate applications.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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Application deadline is 27. January 2025.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

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Selection of applications for project funding

The DAAD decides on funding on the basis of the evaluation of the applications by a selection committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- (1) The subject-specific and overall quality of the project in terms of its ability to achieve the project and programme objectives (weighting: 60%)
- (2) Quality and rigour of project planning (weighting: 15 %)
- (3) Impact of the project on the individual target groups and areas addressed beyond the funding period of the project (weighting: 5 %)

- (4) Consideration of diversity (weighting: 5 %)
- (5) Climate-sensitive project organisation (weighting: 5 %)
- (6) Academic supervision of the scholarship holders at the German university and integration of the young researchers into existing structures or training programmes at the German university (e.g. graduate school), joint supervision of the scholarship holders by professors from the home university and the German host university (weighting: 10 %)

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCEDURE

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Selection for scholarships

The grant recipient decides on the awarding of scholarships on the basis of a selection committee appointed by the grant recipient.

Scholarship applicants must

- be enrolled at a faculty (in exceptional cases, several faculties may be involved)
- be working on their final thesis under the joint mentorship of lecturers from the home university and the German partner university.
- Public announcement of the scholarship offer
- Composition of the selection committee
- Selection criteria (e.g. professional and/or personal suitability)
- Award of the scholarship
 - › per scholarship contract (e.g. "Scholarship commitment" and "Declaration of acceptance")
 - › Handing over of a scholarship certificate (here: Naming of the DAAD, the sponsor, concrete description of the scholarship benefits and their amount, e.g. residence and mobility scholarship, tuition fees)

The selection procedure must be described in the project description.

ATTACHMENTS

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- Handout WoM (incl. result framework and indicator catalogue)

FORM TEMPLATES

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- Project description
- Endorsement by university management

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Information sheet "Information on mobility with disability or chronic illness"

- Handout „Klimasensible Umsetzung von internationalen Hochschulkooperationen in der Projektförderung des DAAD“ (as yet only available in German)
- Handout „Chancengerechtigkeit und Diversität in DAAD-Projekten stärken“ (as yet only available in German)

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