



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

# Programmes for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP) to start in 2025 / 2026

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

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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 (see **Attachment 2**).

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 focuses in particular on promoting young scientists.

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

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).

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**).

### 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](#).

## MEASURES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

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Eligible measures are

- Research stays at the partner organisation abroad

## ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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### Funded persons

#### TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR FUNDED PERSONS

- 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.
  - › The mobility allowance arises from the first day of the trip and must be evidenced by a list of participants. 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 PERSONS

- Accommodation 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.
  - › The accommodation allowance arises on the first day of the stay and must be evidenced by a list of participants. The accommodation allowance covers the costs of accommodation and meals as well as health, accident and liability insurance.

## TYPE OF FINANCING

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Funding takes place in the form of fixed-sum financing.

## FUNDING PERIOD

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The maximum duration of funding is 2 years (24 months). Start of funding for the destination country, see **Attachment 1**

## GRANT AMOUNT

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see **Attachment 1**

## DISCIPLINES

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see **Attachment 1**

## TARGET GROUPS

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see **Attachment 1**

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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Eligible to apply are state and state-recognised German higher education 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 may only be submitted in complete form and before the deadline via the DAAD portal ([www.mydaad.de](http://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 one-page CVs of all other project participants that have already been selected at the time of application (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**).

## APPLICATION DEADLINE(S)

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see **Attachment 1**

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

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### 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. Extent of participation of early career researchers (weighting: 10 %)
4. Consideration of diversity (weighting: 5 %)
5. Climate-sensitive project organisation (weighting: 5 %)

Project applications, which on the part of the German applicants, do not include mobility for early career researchers involved in the project will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Project applications which, on the part of the German applicants, envisage fewer than two persons for research visits to the project partner will be excluded from the selection process

## ATTACHMENTS

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

## TEMPLATES

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- Project description

## 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)
- Information sheet „Merkblatt Mobilität und Nachhaltigkeit“ (as yet only available in German)
- FAQ Application PPP

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