PROJECT FUNDING

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FUNDING FRAMEWORK

Integrated International Degree Programmes with Double Degrees – Preparation Phase (from 2027 to 2028)

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

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The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst - DAAD) supports the funding programme "Integrated International Degree Programmes with Double Degrees" with funds from the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR).

The funding programme is divided into three phases: the preparation phase, the funding phase, and follow-up funding.
During the **preparation phase**, support is provided for the development of integrated international undergraduate and graduate degree programmes in which highly qualified German and international students study alternately at the German institution and the foreign partner institution(s) and earn both national degrees (joint or double degree).

The objectives of the funding programme during the **preparation phase** are
1: The curricula for the international double degree programmes have been coordinated among the participating universities.
2: Agreements have been reached to establish international degree programmes leading to double degrees.
3: Marketing and public relations strategies for the international double degree programmes have been coordinated among the participating universities; the relevant target groups have been informed.

With regard to the funding logic and the results, programme objectives and longer-term effects of the funding programme, see the results framework (**Attachment 1**).

Project objectives do not have to be defined for all programme objectives. However, at least one project objective must be determined for the programme objectives 1 and 2.

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.

2 ELIGIBLE MEASURES

Eligible measures are

- Development and refinement of curricula, teaching modules, and/or courses
- Planning and coordination meetings at the international partner university for project staff from the German university
- Design and implementation of marketing and public relations measures (websites, social media, (virtual) information/advertising events, videos, information/ advertising materials to promote the double degree programme)

3 ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

Personnel resources for project implementation and support
PERSONNEL
- research associates
- research assistants
- student assistants
- other personnel (e.g. administrative staff of the International Office)

Personnel expenditure includes the gross salary paid by the employer. Annual bonus payments under collective agreements are only eligible for funding during the approval period and only insofar as the payment date falls within this period. Other individual and collectively agreed one-off payments are only eligible for funding if the DAAD has issued a regulation to this effect and communicated it.

Material resources
HONORARIES (not for own staff)
- for external staff to implement digitalisation projects.

Table of fees (for orientation)

Working time	**without** academic qualification	**with** academic qualification
1 hr.	34 – 68	51 – 83
2 hrs.	68 – 117	100 – 166
3 hrs.	117 – 166	151 – 250
4 hrs.	166 - 217	200 – 333
5 hrs.	217 – 267	250 – 416
6 hrs.	267 – 316	300 – 499
7 hrs. or more	300 – 367	350 – 566

Expenditure for mobility and, if applicable, accommodation can also be applied for and claimed in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality. These expenses, which do not relate to the fee itself, must be included in the fee agreement.

Please note:
Non-fundable expenditures include fees paid to persons collaborating on the project abroad, and for courses offered on a regular basis.

MOBILITY OF PROJECT PERSONNEL

Expenses for travel/flights for staff of the German university can be applied for and claimed in accordance with the federal travel expenses act (BRKG)/state travel expenses act (LRKG); in deviation from this, train journeys only 2nd class and flights only in economy class.

Please note:
Non-fundable expenditures include expenses for accommodation and subsistence, or other expenses not directly related to the trip (e.g. excess baggage fees, travel equipment, tips etc.).

MATERIAL RESOURCES

- consumables (e.g. office materials)
- printing/publications/advertising and public relations activities (e.g. social media, information/advertising materials, information/advertising events (including those organised by the German university at the partner university), videos)
- external services (e.g. websites)
- other expenditure (e.g. software licences)

Please note:
Non-fundable expenditures include catering/restaurant expenses incurred in connection to planning and coordination meetings, expenditures for DAAD marketing measures, infrastructural expenses (e.g. technical equipment, hardware, teaching materials and furniture).

TYPE OF FINANCING

4 Funding is provided by way of full funding.

FUNDING PERIOD

5 As a rule, the duration of funding lasts one year.

As a rule, the funding period of the preparation phase begins on 1 May 2027 at the earliest.

The preparation phase may only be funded once.

GRANT AMOUNT

6 The DAAD can award a maximum of 15,000 euros in funding in the preparation phase. For applications with multiple partners, an additional 15,000 euros / funding year can be requested for each additional partner university (max. six).

DISCIPLINES

7 The programme is open to all disciplines.

TARGET GROUP

8 Bachelor's students, Master's students, academics, professors

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

9 Eligible applicants are state and state-recognised German higher education institutions.

SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION

10 Please note:
In response to Russia's attack on Ukraine, the DAAD has suspended all institutional forms of collaboration with partners in the Russian Federation and Belarus until further notice. Consequently, applications for project funding with partner institutions in the Russian Federation and Belarus cannot be accepted at this time.

Applications for double degree projects with France must be submitted to the Franco-German University (DFH, www.dfh-ufa.org).

The funding application must be submitted in full and on time via the DAAD online portal (www.mydaad.de). We also ask you to submit the following documents under the menu heading "Attachments":

- project description of the preparation phase, see **form template** (attachment type: Project description)

- jointly signed cooperation agreement(s) (less than 10 years old at time of funding), or letter of intent signed by the partner university (attachment type: Contracts/Agreements)
- endorsement by the university executive board, see **form template** (attachment type: Programme-specific attachments)
- proposed curricular, structural concept for the planned double degree programme (attachment type: Programme-specific attachments)

Following the application deadline, applicants are no longer permitted to modify the financing plan or project description, nor submit missing or revised documents for consideration. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.

Please note:
Please read the **FAQs** before submitting your application.
We ask you to refrain from submitting unsolicited documents, e.g. brief description of the project, module handbooks, brochures, flyers, articles etc.
Please do not submit read-only or password-protected documents.

Additional application requirements

- The responsible coordinator for the proposed double degree project must be a professor at the applying German institution. When establishing a double or joint degree programme of identical structure with **several partner universities**, the applicant must submit a **multi-partner application**, providing the names of each partner and descriptions of their regional characteristics (max. **six international partner universities**).
- a **recent cooperation agreement** (no older than 10 years), **jointly signed** by the German and international partner university, or a letter of intent signed by the partner university (no older than 10 years) which meets the following minimum requirements:
  - agreement to collaborate on the planned double degree programme (explicitly stating the intent to establish the degree programme)
  - agreement on **tuition fees** (ideally a waiver of tuition fees altogether; should guarantee at least a 50% reduction). The DAAD assumes that students enrolled in double degree programmes in Germany receive full waivers.
  - If tuition fees are generally not charged in the partner country, confirmation of this fact must be provided by the project partner.
- a detailed proposal of a **curricular and structural concept for the planned double degree programme** (profile of the degree programme, course schedule and thematic/subject-relevant focuses, learning outcomes, professional qualification/competence profile)

11 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application deadline is 15 October 2026.

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: 70%)
(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 %)

ATTACHMENTS

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1. Results framework
2. Indicator catalogue

FORM TEMPLATES

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- Project description of the preparation phase
- 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 of yet only available in German)
- Handout "Strengthening equal opportunities and diversity in DAAD projects"
- Instructions for drawing up a financing plan
- FAQs
- Application checklist

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