



OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Programme for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP) to start in 2026

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The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – DAAD) promotes funds provided by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) to encourage ‘Programme for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP)’. Outside Germany the programme is promoted by the partner organisations (see **Attachment 1**).

The programme promotes project-based collaboration between German and international research teams, enabling them to work together on a highly relevant topics as equal partners while complementing each other's expertise. A key focus is on supporting young scientists. Additionally, the binational cooperation aims to facilitate knowledge transfer and create mutual benefit for both sides.

The programmes’ objectives are:

1. Young researchers have gained international research experience and have further developed international qualifications.
2. Bi-national research collaborations are strengthened and serve as foundation for further collaborations

The focus areas defined can vary from project to project. A project does not have to contribute to all programmes’ 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), programme objectives (outcomes) and longer-term effects (impacts) of the funding programme, 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 “[Handreichung](#)”.

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 "[Handreichung](#)".

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 funding period may not exceed 2 years (24 months) or 1 year (12 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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Depending on the country line: Master's students, doctoral students, post-doctoral students, experienced researchers, university lecturers. (see **Attachment 1**)

In principle, the focus must be on promoting early career researchers; within the framework of the PPP programme, early career researchers are graduate students and doctoral candidates as well as young researchers who are still at the beginning of their academic career and whose doctorate was awarded no more than 5 years ago (at the time of the project start) - plus recognised periods of interruption (e.g. parental leave) if applicable.

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](#). In addition, the following documents must be uploaded in the "Attachments" tab:

- Project description (in German or English), see **form template (max. 10 pages)** (attachment type: "Projektbeschreibung")
- Research profile/CV of the German principal investigator (**max. 2 pages**) (attachment type: "Programmspezifische Anlagen")
- Research profile/CV of the non-German principal investigator (**max. 2 pages**) (attachment type: "Programmspezifische Anlagen")
- List of 5-10 project-relevant publications by the German principal investigator (**max. 1 page**) (attachment type: "Programmspezifische Anlagen")
- List of 5-10 project-relevant publications by the non-German principal investigator (**max. 1 page**) (attachment type: "Programmspezifische Anlagen")
- **Brief one-page** CVs (tabular form) of all other project participants to be funded by DAAD who have already been selected at the time of application (attachment type: "Programmspezifische Anlagen")
- Confirmation from the project assistant if applicable (attachment type: "Bestätigung der Projektassistenz")

One application can be submitted per project investigator, per country line.

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: 70%)
 - a) Subject-related quality of the project (e.g. complementarity of the project partners and knowledge transfer between the research groups)
 - b) Extent of participation of early career researchers
 - c) Contribution of the project to strengthening international co-operation between the partner institutions
- 2) Quality and rigour of the project planning (weighting: 25 %)
- 3) Consideration of diversity (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

It is expected that the project investigators of a positively decided application will be available for expert evaluation in this programme for at least the duration of the funding period.

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"
- Information sheet „Merkblatt Mobilität und Nachhaltigkeit“ (as yet only available in German)
- Handout „Klimasensible Umsetzung von internationalen Hochschulk Kooperationen 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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