

## Call for Proposals for the Pilot Project: Future Trilateral Cooperation within the scope of cooperation in higher education between Germany, Brazil, and the countries of lusophone Africa

### What are the project goals?

The German Academic Exchange Service aims to strengthen cooperation in higher education between Germany, Brazil and countries of lusophone Africa. To support the mobility of junior scientists from lusophone Africa as well as Brazilian and German lecturers and scientists, such Trilateral Cooperation will be initiated by means of a Pilot Project in 2009. A six-month research stay at German universities will be offered for African Master's and PhD candidates. At the same time Brazilian and African university teachers and scientists will get the opportunity to carry out their own research projects for up to three months and will supervise and support the young African scientists at participating German universities. Furthermore short-term lectureships will be funded for German scientists in the relevant target regions. In 2010, the Pilot Project will lead to extensive cooperation between the universities and scientists taking part in the project.

### What is funded?

#### 1. Short-term Research Scholarships for African Master's and PhD Candidates

The monthly scholarship instalment for short-term research stays at German universities amounts to a maximum of 1,000 euros over a period of up to six months, plus an additional travel allowance.

#### 2. Research Stays for University Teachers and Scientists from Abroad

The monthly scholarships for university teachers and scientists from Brazil and lusophone Africa, respectively, amount to a maximum of 2,240 euros and are dependent on the applicant's academic status. A travel allowance is also provided. Funding is limited to a maximum stay of three months at a German university. In addition to their own research activities, the scientists will also support and supervise the African short-term scholarship recipients within the project.

#### 3. Short-term Lectureships for German Scientists

Applications can be submitted for accommodation and subsistence costs of up to 2,137 euros (in Africa) and 2,600 euros (in Brazil) for short-term lectureships by German scientists in both target regions. In addition a travel allowance will be paid. The funding is limited to a term of one to three months.

#### 4. Support and Supervision Funds for German universities

Upon application, German universities will receive flat-rate funding (amounting to 60 euros per month and scholarship recipient) to supervise and tutor the short-term scholarship recipients within the scope of this project. If more short-term scholarship recipients (minimum of six) are accepted, the respective university may apply for more funding for tutorial means and resources.

#### 5. Material and Organisation Costs

Universities that accept a minimum of six scholarship recipients may, within the scope of the Trilateral Cooperation scheme, apply for the funding of training workshops for lecturers, supervision, etc. Applications for "Cooperation Workshops" are open to universities that clearly show a strong interest in a future Trilateral Cooperation Project. Funding of up to 10,000 euros per workshop can be approved.

Future cooperation between universities in Germany, Brazil, and lusophone Africa are to be initiated and/or structurally consolidated by combining the various mobility components. This initial seed funding is limited to the fiscal year 2009.

**Who can apply?**

Target groups for the aforementioned mobility components are graduates from lusophone Africa, university members from Africa, Brazil and Germany.

The following target groups are eligible to apply for the individual elements of the pilot project:

- 1) Short-term Research Scholarships at German Universities
  - a. African graduates from lusophone Africa, whose institution cooperates with a university in Germany and/or Brazil
  - b. African graduates from lusophone Africa who are currently studying at a Brazilian higher education institution

University Partnerships (Germany/Africa, Germany/Brazil, Africa/Brazil) can nominate African applicants from lusophone Africa for short-term research scholarships. The same application form has to be used as for applications by individuals.
- 2) Research Stays by Foreign University Teachers and Scientists
  - a. Brazilian scientists from universities that are delegating short-term research scholarship recipients within the scope of the pilot project
  - b. African scientists from universities that are delegating short-term research scholarship recipients within the scope of the pilot project
- 3) Short-term Lectureships for German Scientists
  - a. German university members  
The short-term lecturers aim to support teaching at Brazilian or African partner universities, and will, in agreement with the foreign partners, develop a project for future Trilateral Cooperation.
- 4) Support and Supervision Funds for German Universities
  - a. German universities that accept short-term research scholarship recipients receive funding from the budget of the Pilot Project
- 5) Material and Organisation Costs
  - a. Funding for German universities that accept a minimum of six short-term research scholarship recipients within the Pilot Project
  - b. German universities that clearly document a strong interest in future cooperation within the scope of the consolidated Trilateral Structure. An approved event can be funded with up to 10,000 euros.

**Which subject areas are being funded?**

Within the scope of the Pilot Project, the following four subject areas will be prioritised in the application selection process:

1. Energy
2. Environment/Climate
3. Public Health
4. Food and Biotechnology, Nutrition and Agriculture

The more comprehensive Trilateral Cooperation programme planned for 2010 will focus on these core areas.

**Application requirements**1) and 2) Short-term Research Scholarships and Research Stays

Information on the application documents to be submitted are listed on the application form (Application for Research Scholarships and/or Study Visits for University Teachers and Scientists). The application form can be accessed online at [www.daad.de/de/form](http://www.daad.de/de/form) or is available from the German Missions Abroad (Embassies and Consulates), the DAAD Lecturers, the DAAD Regional Offices and Information Centres of the DAAD, as well as the DAAD's partner organisations and institutions (see Annex 1 or 2).

3) Short-term Lectureships

Please see the attached Information Sheet for detailed information (see Annex 2).

4) Support and Supervision Funding for German Universities

Applications for Support and Supervision Funds can be submitted informally by the accepting German university once the short-term research scholarship has been approved.

5) Material and Organisation Costs

Applications for Material and Organisation Costs can be submitted informally by the accepting German university once the short-term research scholarship has been approved.

**Application Procedure**

Applications for short-term research scholarships and research stays by foreign university teachers and scientists will be forwarded in accordance with the standard DAAD procedure to the Regional DAAD Section Latin America (415) via a DAAD Regional Office or the German Embassies and Consulates.

Applications for short-term lectureships must be submitted to the relevant Regional Section 414, for the attention of Ms. Trimborn.

Please send applications for Support and Supervision Funding and Material and Organisation Costs direct to Section 433 at the DAAD, for the attention of Ms. Gudrun Chazotte.

**Application Deadline**

The application deadline for short-term research scholarships, research stays, and short-term lectureships is **22 May 2009** (postal stamp). All necessary papers and documents must be included for consideration of the application. The DAAD will send the invitation to submit the application for Supervision and Support Funding and Material and Organisation Costs to the respective universities as from July 2009.

**What are the selection criteria?**Short-term Research Scholarships

Applications are chosen in accordance with the standard selection criteria as outlined in the standard programmes of the DAAD (see Annex 1). Nominations by universities that can document their cooperation efforts will be given beneficial consideration.

Research Stays and Short-term Lectureships

Applications by academics and scientists from abroad should clearly indicate that the research stay in Germany is also connected with the supervision of the research projects of young African scientists. German academics and scientists should outline the prospects for future Trilateral Cooperation when applying for short-term lectureships. In addition, the selection criteria as outlined in the standard programmes of the DAAD will apply (see Annex 2 and Annex 3).

Support and Supervision Funds and Material and Organisation Costs

Supervision and support for short-term research scholarship recipients constitutes the key requirement for application within the scope of this pilot project. Financial support for workshops can be awarded, if a conclusive financial and course budget plan is submitted and the university's own financial contribution is assured (deficit funding). This type of financial support is awarded in the form of Grant Agreements concluded between the DAAD and the German university.

**Contact person and  
additional  
information**

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