

Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World

for new funding in 2019 and follow-on funding in 2019/2020

Goal and purpose

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the “Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World” programme using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The programme supports the strengthening of ties between universities in Germany and in the Muslim world, and encourages academic and cultural dialogue between students and young academics from Germany and the partner countries.

Specifically, the following objectives are to be achieved:

- Stimulation of **cultural dialogue with the Muslim world** through academic cooperation
- Sustainably modernise teaching in the partner countries (e.g. through the joint development of new curricula and quality assurance processes) and to link teaching and research
- Provide targeted support for qualified young academics from the regions while ensuring gender equality
- Establish regional teaching and research networks with several universities from different partner countries
- Contribute as universities to social development and the formation of a knowledge society

To allow success to be monitored, clearly defined overarching objectives and individual measurable aims must also be set out in the application. The success of a project should be measurable in terms of both qualitative and quantitative aims, e.g.:

- Intensive cooperation between German and foreign students and young academics
- An environment for personal interaction to address cultural differences and similarities
- Intensification of regional collaboration
- A long-lasting link between the partner institutions involved
- Increase in the practical relevance of degree courses in the region
- Mutual recognition of academic qualifications and study phases
- The development or expansion of master's, doctorate and other postgraduate courses
- For individuals: the number of qualifications (master's, doctorates, etc.) or quantification of a funding aim for a specific group (e.g. percentage of female participants) or specification of the number of months in a stay (guest lecturers, study/research visits)
- For events: the number and description of planned events, quantification of participant numbers
- For material resources: an indication of planned purchases (e.g. lab and library equipment, etc.) and/or description of specific knowledge to be attained or a concrete objective

Eligible measures	<p><u>Measures eligible for funding:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting personnel exchanges and the formation of networks between partner institutions (e.g. travel to establish contact between project representatives; participation in workshops, summer schools and special courses in Germany and in partner regions) • Visits by university lecturers, students and graduates from Germany and from the target countries to project partner institutions • Preparatory measures for a planned partnership over several years e.g. preliminary trips, meetings of project partners for planning purposes and/or initial small-scale exchange measures <p><u>The following are not supported:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures aimed exclusively at research cooperation • Measures with no dialogue orientation and aimed exclusively at an academic exchange • Informational and representational trips without any specific academic relevance • Scholarships exclusively serving individual advancement and not awarded as part of a partnership project
Expenditure eligible for funding	See Appendix “Funding requirements 2019”
Type of funding	Funding will be provided as full financing.
Funding period	<p>The funding period begins on 01/01/2019 at the earliest and ends on 31/12/2019 at the latest (for first-time applications) or on 31/12/2020 (for follow-on applications).</p> <p>The duration of funding is one financial year for first-time applications and maximum two financial years for follow-on applications. Funding is generally limited to a maximum of three years.</p>
Funding level	The maximum amount available for the DAAD grant is generally limited to EUR 100,000 per financial year .
Subject area(s)	The programme is open to all subject areas. Particularly welcome are topics relevant to relations between Germany and the Muslim world, the development of partner regions and the formation of a knowledge society, and in which universities contribute to this development through teaching and research.
Target group	Target groups that are generally eligible for funding are university lecturers, graduates (e.g. doctoral students) and students from Germany and the named target regions.
Eligible applicants	State or state-approved German higher education institutions are eligible for application.
Submission of applications	<p>An application for project funding is made by the German higher education institution. It must be completed in full and submitted by the stipulated deadline exclusively via the DAAD portal (https://portal.daad.de).</p> <p>The application should be prepared in coordination with the foreign partner(s).</p>

Application requirements

Application documents relevant for selection:

- **Project application** (in DAAD portal)
- **Financing plan** (in DAAD portal) (detailed **calculation of expenses** for the measures planned, see overview of help texts in Help Centre on the DAAD portal)
- **Detailed and specific project description** (see Appendix 3 for template) (appendix type: project description)
- **Project description (short version)** (see Appendix 4 for template) (appendix type: project description)
- **Endorsement of the project application signed by the management of the German university** (see Appendix 5 for template) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)

If cooperation documents relevant for selection (e.g. cooperation agreement, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding) are not provided by the deadline, the project management team should submit at least a written justification by the application deadline.

The above application documents relevant for selection (mandatory documents) must be specified in accordance with the requirements for the specified appendix type and submitted by the deadline.

After the application deadline, the DAAD will neither request any further documents nor take into account any additionally supplied documents or changes, including in the financing plan, with the exception of the short version of the project description. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Application documents relevant to the contract:

- For first-time applications, a signed endorsement from the partner institution(s) (see Appendix 6 for template) (Letter of Intent or Memorandum of Understanding) (appendix type: contracts/agreements)

If these contract-relevant documents are not provided by the application deadline, they must be submitted to the DAAD on request (if funding is granted) no later than before conclusion of the contract.

Target region:

While the programme mainly focuses on **Arab countries and Iran**, all non-European member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation can be involved: <https://www.oic-oci.org/states/?lan=en>

Institutes in Israel can also be involved in the cooperation if institutes from Muslim countries are or will remain the main partner in the project and agree to this involvement. This applies to both new and follow-on applications.

Application deadline

The application deadline is **20 September 2018**.

Selection procedure

Selection of applications for project funding

The applications will be assessed by an **expert committee** appointed by the DAAD comprising specialist and regional academics and involving the Federal Foreign Office.

Selection criteria:**Dialogue orientation**

Projects should go beyond subject-related cooperation to foster dialogue between those involved and advance understanding of the partners' historical, cultural and religious identity. Special importance is therefore attached to supporting students and exchange academics locally within the programme, as well as to setting up forums for meetings and discussions beyond purely academic cooperation.

Relevance and feasibility

The project's anticipated contribution towards improving teaching and research conditions at the partner institutions, its practical relevance to regional development and the feasibility of the measures planned and goals set.

Sustainability

The anticipated sustainability of the pursued project aims and associated qualification processes, in particular a sustained improvement in teaching and research.

Quality

The academic quality of the projects and measures detailed in the application.

Regional, cross-border cooperation

Networking between several higher education institutions in the region within a cooperation network is desirable. Such projects should also promote the exchange of students, researchers and higher education lecturers between the participating higher education institutions within the region.

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Appendices

1. Funding requirements
2. Country-specific travel allowances
3. Project description form
4. Project description form (short version)
5. Endorsement from the management of the German higher education institution (in German)
6. Endorsement from the foreign higher education institution management (in English)
7. Report

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