



Call for proposals for the academic year 2011/2012

„Welcome to Africa“ University Co-Operation Programme

Programme Idea and Goals

With this programme, the DAAD intends to enable German universities both to establish new contacts to African universities, and to further develop existing cooperation as well as academic exchange. One main focus is set on sending German students, graduates and young academics to an African university for a study or research stay.

„Welcome to Africa“ shall not replace other programmes in the field of individual and co-operational funding. It rather puts an emphasis on Africa by offering new, research-oriented funding schemes and measures in the co-operation with African partners from all countries of Sub-Saharan Africa.

The goals in detail:

- Strengthening the Africa expertise of young German academics
- Promoting the mobility of students, graduates and scientists
- Developing and furthering research co-operation between African and German universities
- Expanding research and training capacities at African universities

To achieve these goals, a flexible number of scholarships for students, graduates, doctoral candidates, postdoctoral fellows and scientists is available.

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible to apply are German universities, represented by a university professor.

What measures are funded?

Within the framework of university co-operation, the following measures are funded:

- Study and research stays
- Short trips, e.g. to coordinate projects
- Summer schools, internships, study trips

Short trips for prearrangement and coordination purposes can be applied for with immediate effect.

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Which subject areas are funded?

This programme is open to all subject areas.

What are the target groups?

German students, graduates, doctoral candidates, German and African postdoctoral fellows and scientists, being part of a university co-operation.

What is the duration and level of funding?

The projects are funded for a maximum duration of three years with funds amounting to a maximum of 100,000 EUR per year. Both, project-related expenses for labour-costs (national/overseas) and material (overseas) can be included.

Short trips to prepare or coordinate the projects in advance, are funded for a maximum duration of four weeks with funds amounting to a maximum of 10,000 EUR.

Funds are granted in line with the Federal law applicable.

What are the basic conditions to be fulfilled?

It is expected that both the German and African university take a share in the overall costs of the measures.

Submission of application and selection process

Applications have to be submitted to the **DAAD online application system** by the project manager of the German university.

The selection and final decision is made by an appointed committee.

Application deadline and timetable

Deadline for applications: 15th December 2011

Selection committee meeting: Early 2012

Start of project funding: 1st March 2012

Kommentar [r1]: s.o. – 01.09. raj

Kommentar [r2]: Analog zur Verschiebung der Bewerbungsfrist um zwei Monate – 01.09. raj

Deadline for applications for prearrangement and coordination trips:

31st October 2011
(applications have to be submitted six weeks in advance of the trip the latest)

Kommentar [r3]: s.o. – 01.09. raj

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Selection criteria

It is possible to fund both, the establishment of new and the development of existing co-operation.

If the latter case applies, it is obligatory to put an emphasis on the increase in quality (for example expanding a network in Sub-Saharan Africa in terms of South-/South-North-Partnerships).

The following criteria apply for both types of co-operation: professional quality, feasibility, aspect of strengthening the Africa expertise of young German academics, relevance with regard to the expansion of research and training capacities at African universities.

Accordingly, the programme focuses on funding study and research stays in the African partner countries.

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In cases where the English translation differs, the German original is only valid.

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