Leaflet on application for grants towards the costs of alumni events

Context of the programme

Thanks to their studies or research work at German or foreign higher education institution, the alumni of the DAAD are a superbly qualified group of persons who often hold key positions in science, politics, economics, and culture. Networking and life-long learning significantly contribute to the fact that the alumni act as experts, decision-makers, and partners of the DAAD, to help promoting international scientific cooperation, supporting future leaders, and are in a position to contribute to solving global challenges.

The 200–300 subsidised topical alumni events held each year reach about 15,000–17,000 persons annually. This offer is to be continued for alumni from all over the world. The DAAD’s new alumni concept is resulting in some new impulses for the programme: subsidies can be granted for bi- and multi-lateral alumni events that bring together different alumni groups and include German alumni, for example North-South or regional events. The DAAD is particularly interested in supporting events that contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Networking and activities beyond the scope of the event are particularly welcome.

What are the programme objectives?

The objective is to support the topical exchange and the networking and cooperation both among the alumni and with scientific, political, social, cultural, and economic institutions, to extend and actively involve the alumni’s competences for solving global challenges, to promote the relationship of alumni with the DAAD and Germany, and to support the sharing of experiences with the next generations of scholarship holders.

Who can apply?

DAAD alumni, registered German and foreign alumni clubs or alumni networks, DAAD regional offices, IC-Lektors and Lektors are all eligible to apply.

German higher education institutions are not eligible for application. They can submit an application to the Alumni Programme: www.daad.de/alumni-programm.

What are the prerequisites for granting of subsidies?

The alumni event must be scientific or topical in nature. No subsidies are granted for purely social meetings. The event must involve a large number (about 50% or more) of DAAD alumni. Persons who have received DAAD individual support for at least three months are considered DAAD alumni.

What can be funded?

The following types of events can be supported:

- Events that promote the scientific/topical exchange and networking of alumni.
- Seminars contributing to the specialist or professional continuing education of alumni.
- Events that serve the support of German scholarship holders abroad or foreign scholarship holders in Germany.
- Contributions by alumni that serve the preparation of scholarship holders.
- Seminars for alumni returning to their home country.
The following can be funded:

- Speakers' travel and accommodation costs
- DAAD alumni travel and accommodation costs
- Subsidies towards general event costs

Whenever possible, the participants themselves should contribute financially.

The maximum subsidy amount is EUR 25,000.00 per event.

The programme is open to all subject areas.

**Application deadline:** Applications can be submitted continuously, but should be submitted no later than three months before the beginning of the event whenever possible.

**Relevant application documents:**

1. Fully completed **application form**
2. **Project description:** Starting situation, content, objectives and target group of the event
3. **Event programme**
4. **List of prospective participants** with mention of DAAD alumni
5. **For events that take place abroad,** a written **statement** by the responsible DAAD external network (DAAD regionel office, DAAD Information Centre, DAAD Lektor), the German foreign representation (embassy, consulate general), or the management of the respective Goethe-Institute must be obtained.

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