



OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Programmes for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP) to start in 2024

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The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – DAAD) promotes funds provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) to encourage ‘Programmes for Project-Related Personal Exchange (PPP)’. Outside Germany the programme is promoted by the partner organisations listed below.

The PPP encourage project-based co-operation in research between German and foreign research teams that work together on an equal footing on a cutting-edge topic. The expertise of the teams should complement each other to produce transfer of knowledge so that the binational co-operation is of added value for both teams.

The programme makes a long-term contribution (impact) to the establishment of high-performing cosmopolitan higher education and research institutions and to sustainable networking, as well as promoting the level of internationalisation of the higher education and research institutions involved.

The following programme objectives (outcomes) are derived from these impacts:

- Junior scientists have gained international research experience and undergone further training at an international level
- Binational research cooperation has been promoted and can be used as a starting point for future co-operations

These programme objectives should be achieved by means of the following direct results of measures/activities (outputs):

- There are joint research results
- International joint publications have been created

The focus areas defined can vary from project to project. A project does not have to contribute to all programme 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. The project objectives must be specified based on the programme impact analysis structure. Measurable project objectives and results and related indicators must be specified. These must be outlined in the application and in the project planning summary. Regarding the instructions for results-oriented project planning, the impact analysis structure and the list of indicators, please refer to **Attachment 3** ‘Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring’.

Ecological sustainability

The DAAD has set itself the goal of further reducing its ecological footprint - as an organization as well as a funding body. Within the framework of project funding, the planning and implementation of projects should strive to be resource, climate and environmentally friendly. This applies in particular to mobility/travel, and, depending on the type and scope of the project, may also relate to procurement and contracting, event management, or marketing and public relations. (For the time being information on this is voluntary and not yet relevant for selection).

MEASURES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

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Measures/activities eligible for funding are:

- Research stays at the partner organisation abroad

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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Funded individuals

TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- 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.
 - › Eligibility for the mobility allowance arises with the 1st day of the trip; evidence must be provided in the form of a participant list. 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 INDIVIDUALS

- Residence 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.
 - › Eligibility for the residence allowance arises with the 1st day of the stay and must be evidence in the form of a participant list. The residence allowance covers expenses for accommodation and food 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.

PERIOD OF FUNDING

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The funding period begins at the earliest on 01/01/2024 and ends at the latest on 31/12/2026. The maximum duration of funding is 2 years (24 months).

AMOUNT OF FUNDING

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see **Attachment 1**

DISCIPLINES

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see **Attachment 1**

TARGET GROUPS

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see **Attachment 1**

ELIGIBLE FOR APPLICATION

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Eligible to apply are officially recognised German higher education institutions and non-university research facilities situated in Germany.

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 (www.mydaad.de).

- Project application (in the DAAD portal)
- Financing plan (in the DAAD portal)
- Project description (in German or English, see form template) (attachment type: project description) (up to 10 pages)
- Project planning summary (see form template (attachment type: project description))
- Research profile/CV of the German principal investigator (up to 3 pages) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Research profile/CV of the non-German principal investigator (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- List of project-relevant publications by the German principal investigator in the past 5 years (up to 4 pages) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- List of project-relevant publications by the non-German principal investigator in the past 5 years (up to 4 pages) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Brief CVs of any other project participants that have already been selected at the time of application (up to 3 pages) (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Confirmation from the project assistant if applicable (attachment type: confirmation from the project assistant)

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**).

DEADLINE(S) FOR APPLICATION

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see **Attachment 1**

SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS

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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) Relationship of the project to the programme objectives (as per the impact analysis structure) and results-oriented planning using indicators that meet the SMART criteria
- (2) Please explain why and how long the planned stay abroad is necessary
- (3) The quality of the project (clarity of project objectives and methods) and scientific relevance of the project (topical nature of the subject matter and the project's degree of innovativeness).
- (4) Appropriate involvement of junior scientists
- (5) Transfer of knowledge between the groups of researchers, added value (subject-specific, institutional, interdisciplinary) created through the co-operation for both groups of researchers, scientific and, if applicable, industrial usability of the project results
- (6) Feasibility of the research project (in particular: financial backing, preliminary work and further plans, adequate travel planning abroad - also with regard to the duration of the stay), project-related competence of both research groups, complementarity of the research groups in the joint project (methodically, content-related, facilities, etc.)

ATTACHMENTS

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1. Country-specific terms and conditions
2. Table of allowances for stays abroad and international mobility)
3. Guide to results-oriented Monitoring which includes planning summary of the project as well as the indicators meeting the SMART criteria

TEMPLATES

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- Project description

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Project planning summary
- Information on the mobility of handicapped persons
- Information sheet: Merkblatt Mobilität und Nachhaltigkeit
- FAQ Application PPP

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