

German Egyptian Scientific Projects (GESP)

General Information and Guidelines for Proposals

Call for application: 01.10.2012

Deadline for submission: 15.12.2012

With a view to intensifying interaction and scientific cooperation between Egyptian and German Scientists / Institutions, the **Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF)** and the **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Germany** jointly extend support for exchange of scientific visits through the jointly funded program **German Egyptian Scientific Projects (GESP)**.

The main goal of this program is to encourage partnerships between both sides and enhance collaboration and technology transfer.

Aim of the program

GESP aims at supporting bilateral mobility between Egyptian and German scientific teams with special emphasis on young scientists (Master and PhD students) and within the framework of a jointly submitted research project of a period up to two years.

Faculty members, Scientists and Academics belonging to Universities, and Research Institutes should form a project team headed by a Principal Investigator (PI). Those having permanent positions in the above mentioned institutions can apply as PI. Each team **should not exceed five persons.**

Prerequisites

A precise identical project proposal (in terms of content, names of team members on both sides etc.) for academic / scientific co-operation must be uploaded by the Egyptian PI to the STDF www.stdf.org.eg and by the German PI to DAAD Bonn www.daad.de, in the prescribed format available on the websites.

Project duration

Mutual visits of the academics / scientists should be justified in terms of number, duration, expenses and purpose of visit.

Mobility grants will be awarded within the framework of a research project running for a duration of up to two years.

Applicants must submit an annual report which is assessed internally (on the Egyptian side and the German side independently). Funding for the following year depends on the timely submission of these reports, success of the project and available budget.

Application for a 2nd phase of a project previously funded through the GESP Program:

Any team/team member may apply for a new project through the GESP Program after the completion of his/her previously funded project. In this case a report of the success of the previous project has to be submitted together with the new application.

Eligibility / Project participants and Research areas

For the German and Egyptian sides this program is open for publically funded and private universities and research centers. Applicants from both sides should be affiliated to any of the above mentioned entities.

Please note the following:

- The PI should be a Ph.D holder.
- On the Egyptian side, only Egyptian researchers are eligible for a mobility grant to Germany.
- Parallel applications of teams, team members or PIs during the same funding period are not permitted.
- Quality of the project is one of the main criteria for accepting a project, but involvement of young scientists will be given preference if applicable.
- All relevant documents must be submitted such as ethical committee approval.

While the responsibility of the research project would remain at the German and Egyptian entities, the financial responsibility of the program would remain at the DAAD and STDF for the German and Egyptian sides respectively.

In order to be qualified for such funding, a concrete and sound research proposal must be submitted.

The following types of proposals **shall not be** considered:

- Already existing collaborative projects where travel and living expenses are financed by some other source of funding
- Purely individual visits, training program(s), or study purposes
- Organisation of Seminars / Workshops or participation in a Conference / Congress.
- Purchase of equipment, infrastructure, workspaces and office machine etc.
- Project-related incidental costs (for example, bench fees, staff or running costs, costs for computer time, materials purchases, documentation, photocopying, printing, internal travel, consumables or other expenses)

The applicants are encouraged to use visual facilities in order to minimize the number of visits conducted.

Funding

Grants will be offered only towards travel and living costs within the framework of a well-defined and approved research project. For the Egyptian PI, the STDF will bear the travel cost (including overseas medical insurance) between the place of work of the scientists/students in their own country and the place of work in the host country. Living and accommodation expenses of the participants will be provided also by the sending side, in accordance with a predefined scale that is approved by the steering committee.

It is expected that primary financing for the collaborative research project, including personnel costs, is already available or will be available to both sides from other sources of funding.

Grants will not be provided for study purposes or for attending conferences, workshops, meetings etc.

The total funding requested from the Egyptian and the German side respectively must not exceed 10.000 EURO per project per year and it will be distributed as follows:

For Egyptian Scientists:

For senior and post- doctoral scientists:

- **90 EURO** per day will be paid for living and accommodation expenses.
- **700 EURO** will be granted as travel allowance.

For junior scientists (Master and PhD candidates):

- **60 EURO** per day will be paid for living and accommodation expenses.
- **525 EURO** will be granted as travel allowance.

Monitoring

- The Egyptian and German PIs will submit an annual progress (on the activities carried out) and financial reports (at most 2 month after the end of each year) to the STDF and DAAD respectively.
- Egyptian research team members will also be required to submit a trip report (both financial and technical) after each visit conducted. Funding for the following year depends on the timely submission of these reports.

The research teams are strongly encouraged to publish at least one co-authored manuscript in a relevant peer reviewed international journal with an acceptable impact factor. Publishing such a manuscript will considerably increase the possibility of obtaining further STDF funding.

Application procedure

Identical proposals in a **prescribed format** are to be submitted simultaneously by the Egyptian PI to the STDF (please refer to www.stdf.org.eg where the application is submitted online) and by the German PI to the DAAD, Bonn (please see DAAD announcement at www.daad.de). Only **applications submitted by both PIs with all necessary documents will be considered**. Applications will be evaluated by DAAD and STDF jointly on the basis of scientific merit, need for co-operation and the composition of project teams. Final decision will be approved by both parties.

Applications received after the deadline will not be entertained in any case.