

## German-Egyptian Progress Partnership

### Programme Line 1: University partnerships

#### Goal and purpose

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the “German-Egyptian Progress Partnership with partner universities in Egypt” using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA).

Higher education and academic cooperation play an important role in the age of globalisation.

German-Egyptian progress partnerships are to help create additional opportunities for renewing Egyptian higher education institutions, support them in their efforts to modernise and further academic progress.

Within the scope of the programme, the cooperation between Egyptian and German partner higher education institutions focuses on the following aims:

Qualitative objectives:

- To facilitate further qualification and sustainable **structural development** at Egyptian higher education institutions in teaching, research, services and university management (e.g. developing curricula or modules, establishing (international) degree courses, recognition of university degrees, exchange of experience in establishing technology transfer centres and service points, etc.)
- To enhance the **employability** of graduates
- To strengthen elements of **entrepreneurship**

Quantitative objectives:

- For individuals: the number of qualifications (master’s, doctorates, etc.), 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 stays)
- For events: the number and description of planned events, quantification of intended participant numbers
- For material resources: an indication of planned purchases (e.g. lab and library equipment, etc.) and/or a description of specific knowledge to be attained or a concrete aim

#### Eligible measures

- Participation in and/or organisation of events (e.g. spring/summer/autumn/winter schools, conferences and workshops, kick-off meetings, methodology workshops, etc.)
- Planning/development/delivery of international degree courses
- Teaching, study or research visits, exchange of student, graduate and doctoral student groups
- Trips and visits

#### **Note:**

#### **The following measures are not eligible for funding:**

- Personnel expenditure at the Egyptian partner higher education institution(s)
- Measures aimed exclusively at a research cooperation
- Informational and representational trips without any specific academic relevance
- Scholarships **exclusively** serving individual advancement and not awarded as part of a partnership project

## Grant expenditure eligible

All expenditure necessary and appropriate for implementing the project (implementation of the measures) is eligible for funding. These include in particular:

### Personnel resources for conducting and supervising the project

- Personnel in Germany
  - Academic staff
  - Academic assistants
  - Student assistants
  - Other employees

### Material resources

- Fees (e.g. for lecturing activities by external professionals in Germany and the target region)
- Mobility of project staff  
(mobility of German higher education employees in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG))
- Project staff stays  
(accommodation and daily allowance for German higher education employees in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG))
- Material resources in Germany/abroad
  - Consumer goods (e.g. office supplies for workshops, conferences, events, etc.)
  - Economic goods (e.g. equipment, library resources for the partner institute in Egypt, but not in Germany)
  - Printing/publications/advertising and public relations (e.g. flyers, advertising posters, etc.)
  - Other items  
(planning, implementing and following up on events, e.g. telephone costs, printing and copying costs, consumables, books and, if necessary, required equipment; **no** tips, gifts for hosts, inventory for German higher education institutions)

### Funded individuals

- Mobility expenses for funded individuals
  - Mobility of the employees of international higher education institutions and third persons (students, graduates and doctoral candidates)
    - Between the respective target countries and Germany according to the mobility flat rate of **€650**
    - Mobility within the target region (also outside the target region in justified exceptional cases, e.g. for joint field research or in South-South exchange) and within Germany on the basis of individual receipts in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality; 2nd class train journeys, economy-class flights
  - Mobility of employees of German higher education institutions who are not employees of the grant recipient, in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG) (2nd class train journeys, economy-class flights)
- Living expenses for funded individuals
  - Employees of international higher education institutions and third persons (students, graduates and doctoral candidates) according to flat-rate subsistence allowances (see funding rates in the appendix "Funding requirements")
  - Employees of international higher education institutions (see funding rates in the appendix "Funding requirements")
  - Employees of German higher education institutions who are not employees of the grant recipient, in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG)

Type of financing	Funding will be provided as full financing.
Funding period	The funding period begins on <b>01/03/2019</b> at the earliest and ends on <b>31/12/2020</b> at the latest.
Funding level	The <b>maximum amount</b> of DAAD grant is <b>€100,000 per budget year</b> .
Subject area(s)	The programme is open to all subject areas.
Target group	University teachers, postdocs, students, graduates, doctoral candidates and higher education employees from Germany and Egypt and, if applicable, from other countries. In the latter case, their participation in the funded measure must be directly connected to the project objective.
Eligible applicants	State or state-approved German higher education institutions on behalf of university teachers
Submission of applications	The application for project funding must be <b>completed in full and submitted by the stipulated deadline</b> exclusively via the DAAD portal ( <a href="https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal">https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal</a> ).
Application requirements	<p><b><u>Application documents relevant for the selection process</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project application</b> (in DAAD portal)</li> <li>• <b>Financing plan</b> (in DAAD portal)</li> <li>• <b>Project description</b> (see Appendix 2 for template) (appendix type: project description)</li> <li>• <b>Project description (short version)</b> (see Appendix 3 for template) (appendix type: project description)</li> <li>• <b>Endorsement of the project application signed by the management of the German university</b> (see Appendix 4 for template) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)</li> <li>• Concrete <b>plan of work and measures in the form of a tabular timetable</b> (detailing the timing and duration of measures, concrete aims or planned <b>intermediate objectives</b>, plus names of all participants) (appendix type: programme-specific appendices)</li> <li>• Signed, documented and informative <b>agreement of the partner institution(s)</b> (see Appendix 5 for template) (<i>Letter of Intent or Memorandum of Understanding</i>) on the project aims and measures (appendix type: contracts/agreements)</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>The above application documents relevant for selection (mandatory documents) must be named in accordance with the specifications and submitted by the deadline in the form of the specified appendix type.</p> <p>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, <b>with the exception of the short version of the project description</b>. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.</p>

**Application deadline**

The application deadline is **10 December 2018**.

**Selection procedure**

Project funding applications will be assessed by a selection committee appointed by the DAAD comprising external academics with relevant specialisation.

**Selection criteria:**

- The **academic quality** of the projects and measures listed in the application (focusing on collaboration in teaching, research, guidance or services) and their contribution to “institution building” at the partner higher education institution
- The **innovative effect** and **sustainable structural improvement** of teaching conditions to be achieved by the proposed measures, particularly at the international partner higher education institution(s), and the successful systematic **networking with other higher education institutions** or other stakeholders in the progress partnership country
- The **balance of cooperation measures**
- The **integration** and **exchange of students** and **young academics** from both sides of the project (support for young academics)
- The consideration of **aspects of gender equality**

**Selection procedure for students, graduates and doctoral candidates****Selection of students, graduates and doctoral candidates**

Decisions on the selection of students, graduates and doctoral candidates will be made by a selection committee appointed by the grant recipient.

The selection procedure must be presented in the project description:

- Public announcement of the funding programme
- Composition of the selection committee (grant recipient, partner higher education institution, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (selection of the best applicants, academic achievements, personal aptitude, social and cultural commitment, motivation)
- Selection decision based on a selection report

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**Appendices**

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

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