



Subject-related Partnerships with Institutions of Higher Education in Developing Countries

What are the goals of the program?

The program focuses on **building structures** at the partner institution of higher education. For the DAAD this means primarily emphasising the curriculum or module development, initiating international study programs, and advancing mutual recognition of accreditation of degrees. The so defined principal purpose consequently places the emphasis of the planed measures on the **improvement and extension of the teachings in the partner countries**.

In view of these considerations, the following points are to be subsumed:

- The building of networks between German institutions of higher education and their partner institutions, as well as the support of the South-South network. In this context, the additional subsidiary instruments are meaningful and desirable for the partnership programs of the higher education institutions (and/or the creating of networks), including the alumni and material resource programs, to create synergies.
- The (additional) **qualifications** of educational institutions in developing countries with regard to education, research, services, and institutional management, in as much as they serve the improvement of the educational condition;
- The **perpetuation** of partnerships (possible through several years of grant allocations) that allow for long-term institutional commitment;
- The recruitment of partners, who as multipliers aim actively at **intercultural understanding** and **dialogue** in their home countries;
- A **stronger sensitization** of the German higher education institutions and their members towards problems of **development policies**, and the strengthening of their readiness for an engagement in a partnership. The goal here is to increase the understanding of the needs in the developing countries, and their distinct cultural characteristics; the dissemination of these experiences to the scholars, will expand the current as well as the future expert knowledge.

Who can apply?

German institutions of higher education may submit grant applications for subject-related collaboration projects on an institutional or faculty level, only if written partnership agreements between the partnering institutions have already been concluded at the **rectorate level**. This type of **rectoral agreement** can in individual cases, be submitted after a grant has been allocated; however, the agreement must have been made available to the DAAD prior to the award of such grant.

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What can be funded?

The funding aims primarily to support the partnership related exchange of faculty, instructors/lecturers, graduates (e.g. doctoral students, and students in general).

Funding cannot be allocated for:

- Applications aiming to exclusively support research
- Applications already funded by other organizations (e.g. DFG, BMZ, GTZ);
- Representational travel without professional purpose and excursions;
- Applications with a funding volume of less than € 10000.00 per year;
- Long-term (i.e. over several months) research visits of scientists and students (for these kind proposals please see the general stipend and research funding programs);
- Travels with the purpose of initializing contacts and/or contracts.

What are the application and funding procedures?

The application (in German and English), must be formulated **in agreement with the partner(s)** of the foreign partnership country. The German **authorized coordinator for partnerships programs and the authorized coordinator of the foreign partner institution** must thereafter sign the **financial planning and the project description**.

Please direct your application of the authorized coordinator for partnership programs after approval by the rectorate of the respective German institutions of higher education to the German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD (Referat 434).

The funding of proposals will be available starting in **January 2009**, and will be realized through grant allocation contract(s) with the German institution of higher education throughout a maximum term of two years.

The funding amounts for the second, third, and fourth grant year, are dependant upon the report of implemented measures, and the report of the financial accounting of the funds awarded in the previous year.

What type of funding can be expected from the DAAD?

The DAAD grant award constitutes a deficit funding, meaning it will cover eligible project related expenditures, which are caused in excess to the actual project cost.

- **The maximum funding amount** for a partnership between a foreign and a German higher education institution is **€ 25000.00 per year. The funding may principally be awarded for a maximum period of four years per grant proposal.** Projects that are particularly successful may be extended for another two years upon the recommendation of the selection committee.
- In the case of a multilateral cooperation (a Northern, two or more Southern partners). As a rule in different partner countries, the funding volume for a **South-South** exchange may be increased to **€ 10000.00** per year.

The allocation of funds will take place within the framework of the Grant Allocation Rights and Guidelines of the German Federal Republic through allocation contracts between the DAAD and the German institutions of higher education.

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What are the criteria for the awarding of grants?

A selection committee appointed by the DAAD board of executives determines what kinds of proposals can be funded, and decides about the extent of the funding. The selection committee is chosen from a group of academics with special experiences regarding the collaboration with developing countries, taking in consideration the criteria outlined below as well as the requirements of the available financial resources.

The proposals will be assessed according to their form and content relevant criteria, whereby special consideration is given to the relevance of development policies. **The content-relative criteria** are derived from the descriptive objective of the program. Particularly eligible for funding are proposals that complement each other, and result in a sustainable partnership. However, based on our experience in the past, and due to the large numbers of applications, it may be anticipated that the amounts for the requested grants are reduced.

The main criteria for the assessment of proposals are:

- The **academic quality** of the in the project proposed procedures (the professional collaboration in education, research, consulting or services are primary concerns) and the significance of their **development policy** and/or their contribution to the “academic formation” at the partner institution;
- The **innovative effect** and **sustainable structural improvement** of the teaching environments, in particular at the foreign partner institution (e.g. jointly developed curriculum, modules, and jointly structured study programs; through jointly organized conferences/workshops; through communicating experiences in structure of technology, transfer centres, and service points, etc.), which are to be obtained by the suggested measures;
- The effective systematic **networking with other institutions** of higher education or other stakeholders in the developing countries;
- The symmetry of the cooperation policies;
- The monetary contributions provided by the German institutions of higher education and the procured state and third-party funds, as well as the achievements of the partner institution in the respective developing country;

The **integration and the exchange of students and junior academics** from both sides of the project.

Application period and filing deadline

Applications should be stipulated for a period of maximum four (4) calendar years, and should be submitted with all required documentation at the earliest date, however **no later than June 30, 2008**.

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