

German-Arab Transformation Partnership, Programme Line 2

German-Arab short-term measures with partner universities in Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Jordan or Yemen

Attention: Please be aware that from now on also cooperation projects with partner universities in Lebanon and Iraq can be funded.

What are the programme's aims?

Germany has been monitoring the political unrest in the Arab region since 2011 within the scope of its transformation partnership. Higher education and academic cooperation play an important role in times of social and political change. The German-Arab transformation partnership is designed to create additional opportunities for the efforts of Arab higher education institutions to introduce reforms. In cooperation with German partner universities, Programme Line 2 which is financed by funding from the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt, AA) focuses on **short- and medium-term cooperation measures (workshops, summer schools, conferences, colloquia, etc.)** and pursues the following aims:

- To establish and intensify academic contact between higher education institutions in Germany and the partner countries with the aim of establishing long-term cooperation measures.
- To actively contribute to structural development at the partner universities and improvements in research and teaching (develop curricula, modules, etc., particularly with the aim of enhancing the employability of graduates and their transfer from university to industry).
- To actively contribute to improving democratic (self-)governance at the universities ("good governance"), particularly in terms of student participation.

The German-Arab short-term measures programme (Line 2) is therefore aimed at German higher education institutions wishing to set up and develop cooperations with Arab partner universities in the field of sustainable structural development.

Measurability of the aims to be achieved:

Besides the overall programme aims, applications should also include details of clearly defined **individual measurable aims** which are to be achieved if the project is successful and through which success can be monitored. In the final report, these aims must be compared with what has actually been achieved.

The success of a project can be measured in terms of both qualitative and quantitative aims, e.g.

- where individuals are funded, by quantifying a funding aim for a specific group (e.g. percentage of female participants, students or young scientists);
- where events are funded, by indicating the target number of participants and describing the target event outcomes.

Who is eligible for application?

German higher education institutions and research institutions are eligible to apply for funding at an institutional or faculty level. As a rule, the application should be prepared by a professor with the endorsement from the

German higher education or research institution management.

What is funding available for?

Funding measures:

Funding can be provided for

- short-term measures/events such as **special courses, summer schools, preparatory visits, workshops, seminars and conferences** in the target countries, as well as similar events in Germany with Arab participants primarily from the main target countries;
- necessary project-related equipment and personnel costs for implementing the exchange activities;
- research, teaching and study visits by students, academics and university staff from the target countries to German higher education institutions, or by German university staff, academics and students to the target countries, in connection with a short-term measure.

More detailed information is provided in Appendix 1 **Financial Support Framework 2017 PL2**.

Funding period:

The funding period begins on **1 January 2017** at the earliest and ends on **31 December 2017** at the latest.

Funding:

Funding is generally limited to a maximum of **40,000 Euro**.

The following cannot be funded:

Applications aimed exclusively at a research cooperation; individual measures already receiving funding from other sources (e.g. DFG, BMZ, GIZ) and/or the DAAD (ban on double grants); travel by representatives of no specific academic relevance; scholarships exclusively serving individual advancements and not awarded as part of a partnership project.

Which disciplines are eligible for funding?

Cooperation projects between higher education institutions in Germany and in the partner countries in all subject areas will be funded. Applications from the humanities and social sciences are particularly welcome.

Which target groups are funded?

University teaching staff, non-professorial teaching staff, graduates (e.g. doctoral candidates) and students from Germany and the Arab partner countries are primarily eligible for funding.

Submitting an application

Applications must be completed **in full** and submitted by the **stipulated deadline** exclusively via the DAAD online portal (<https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>).

A complete application consists of the following documents:

- **Project application** (form in portal) specifying the period of the cooperation measure
- **Financing plan** (form in portal)
- **Project description** (exclusively Appendix 3)
- **Details of agreements reached** with key partners: partner universities and institutions in the target countries, the DAAD overseas office, lectorates, German embassy, etc.
- **Endorsement** from the German higher education institution (Appendix 4)
- **Endorsement** from the foreign higher education institution (Appendix 5)

Application deadline

The application deadline is:

- 30 September 2016 for measures between 1 January and 31 December 2017
- 31 December 2016 for measures between 1 April and 31 December 2017
- 31 March 2017 for measures between 1 July and 31 December 2017
- 30 June 2017 for measures between 1 October and 31 December 2017

The deadline will be followed by a processing period of at least three months. Please take this into account when planning your project activities.

What are the selection criteria?

A DAAD selection committee will assess the applications on the basis of expert opinions and taking into account the following selection criteria:

- **relevance to transformation policy;**
- the **academic quality** of the measures described in the application (with a focus on collaboration in teaching, research, consulting or services) and their **relevance to transformation policy** and/or contribution to institution building at the partner university;
- the **innovative effect** and **sustainable structural improvement** of teaching conditions to be achieved through the proposed measures, particularly at the foreign university, and the successful systematic **networking with other higher education institutions** or other stakeholders in the transformation countries;
- the balance of cooperation measures;
- the **integration and exchange of students and young academics** from both sides in the project (support for young academics);
- the **consideration of aspects of gender equality.**

Contact and further information

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Appendices to the call for proposals

Appendix 1: Financial Support Framework 2017 PL2
Appendix 2: Country-Specific Travel Allowances for 2017
Appendix 3: Project Description – New Funding Application in 2017 PL2
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Appendix 4: Endorsement from the German higher education institution management (in German)
Appendix 5: Endorsement from the foreign higher education institution management (in English)

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