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Announcement 2015
Project- based Personnel Exchange Programme with India
- Indo-German Joint Research Collaboration -
DAAD / Department of Science and Technology (DST)

Agreement

The 'Project-based Personnel Exchange Programme'(PPP) is a bilateral research promotion programme which is the result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concluded in 1998 between the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST). .

Who are the funding institutions?

DAAD receives funds for implementing the programme through a budget allocation made by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). On the Indian side, the programme is funded by Government of India through the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

What are the aims of the programme?

The basic aim of the programme is to strengthen the collaboration between Indian and German research groups, which are working jointly on a particular scientific project. The programme 'Project-based Personnel Exchange' envisages, in this connection, financial support for operational mobility only. Particular emphasis is thereby accorded to academic training and specialization of young researchers. Concrete objectives have to be mentioned in the application (project description) (including the number and academic credentials of the researchers to be supported).

Research collaborations entered into with the intention of initiating major projects, such as the preparation of joint applications meant for submission to any other funding organisation, are highly preferred.

Which are the target groups?

Scientists/ researchers, university professors, post-doctoral researchers and doctoral students.

Who can apply?

University professors, scientists/researchers and post-doctoral researchers from German and Indian universities and those in permanent positions at public funded research institutes are eligible to apply.

The programme is open to academics in the disciplines of agricultural sciences, veterinary medicine, forestry, engineering, earth sciences, mathematics, theoretical computer science, informatics, medicine, life sciences, health sciences, animal sciences, nutritional medicine, physics, material sciences and chemistry.

What are the pre-requisites for application?

The pre-requisite for application is a concrete and precise scientific research project proposal of high quality, on which academics from both countries jointly, and to the extent possible complementarily, want to work on. It would not suffice just to describe scientific problems of a general nature which both research groups are interested in.

The basic funding for the project (personnel and material costs on both sides) must be secured by own funds or by third party funding.

The research group on each sides should consist of a project leader and up to two doctoral students or post-doctoral researchers. The total number of participants in the project on both sides should not exceed three from each side.

Application shall be considered by DST and DAAD only if a parallel application has been submitted simultaneously by the Indian and German partner to DST and DAAD respectively. The project proposal must be clearly described in, the concrete tasks that would be undertaken by the German group and those by the Indian partner.

The scientific contents of the proposal must be common from both sides. The project title must be identical on both sides. The projects submitted with different project titles will not be considered further for technical evaluation.

What is the funding period ?

A project, if jointly approved, shall be funded for a maximum period of two years.

In case the applicant leaves his/her institution before the expiry of the official validity of the project, its continuity must be safeguarded, for instance through a written confirmation by the grantee institution.

The project funds for the fiscal year 2016 and 2017, will be sanctioned subject to the condition that the budget allocation is available to DAAD and DST through the funding ministries

What are the measures that can be funded?

The financial support under this scheme is available only to support exchange visits to the partner institution, which are undertaken during the course of the project-related collaboration. These allowances cover all the expenses related to mobility and hospitality.

Short term stays of scientists and doctoral students are eligible for funding. The maximum duration of stay for scientists is 30 days per visit per year and for doctoral students it is 60 days per visit per year. The project description must clearly mention the criteria used for selection of the scientists/ research scholars to be supported.

Within the validity of the project duration (01.01.2016 till 31.12. 2017), a total of 4 visits by the German participants and 4 visits by the Indian participants shall be funded subject to the condition that not more the one visit is permitted during a year for a particular project participant. The funds can be utilised only to support mobility of the project participants officially included in the project document.

The number and duration of the exchange visits under the project must be balanced in number and days on both sides. The reciprocity of visits under the project has to be strictly ensured from both sides.

DAAD shall bear the expenses related to international travel (including medical insurance, visa fee, domestic travels) of the members of the German research group to visit their Indian partner institution; and the local hospitality for members of the Indian research group visiting Germany.

DST, on the other hand, shall bear the expenses related to the International travel related expenses (airfare, medical insurance, visa fees, domestic travel in India and Germany) of the Indian research group members visiting Germany and the local hospitality of the German research group members visiting India by granting respective allowances.

It is understood that the expenses incurred in connection with the project which go beyond the scope of funding provided by DAAD and DST (basic office set-up, procurement of equipment, consumables, documentation, photocopies & printing and personnel costs) will be borne by respective Institutions.

What cannot be funded?

The following shall not be funded:

- Projects of the Indo-German Cooperation in Research and Technology that pertain to the same topic, which are already being funded by another mode, and also include personnel exchange.
- Pure skill enhancement projects
- Bilateral collaboration, which form only a part of an otherwise multilateral collaboration funded through other routes.
- Language courses
- Individual scholarships
- Project-related ancillary expenses (computing time, material expenses, documentations, photocopying and printing expenses)
- Expenses towards setting up basic facilities such as office space and equipment, as well as staff expenses.
- Pure seminar events
- Conference participations

What are the selection criteria?

The applications shall be evaluated on both sides by independent selection committee. The final selection shall be made jointly by DST and DAAD.

- The key criteria for the selection are: The quality of the project (here especially: the clarity of project goals and methodology).
- The scientific significance and relevance of the project (The topicality of the subject and the level of innovation in the project)
- Feasibility of the research project (under which especially: security of funding arrangement, preparatory work, and appropriate planning for reciprocal visits)
- Project-relevant competency of both the research groups.
- Complementarities of the research groups in their common objectives (with regard to methodology, content, instruments, etc.)
- Adequate participation of young scientists.

Other criteria are:

- Knowledge transfer between the German and the Indian group.
- Scientific and/ or industrial useability, where applicable, of the project results.
- Additional benefit (technical, institutional, inter-disciplinary) through cooperation with the Indian partner.

What are the things to be kept in mind at the time of application?

Please apply online on the DAAD-Portal (<https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>).

The German applicant should adhere to the following while preparing the application:

- That it is formulated in English.
- That the form "Information Regarding the Project"(see annexure) has been filled in completely.
- Verify that the application is complete in all respects with the help of the check list, (see annexure)

Only those applications that have been submitted by both partners to DST (by Indian partner) as well as to DAAD (by German partner), complete in all respects, shall be considered further for evaluation. Incomplete applications, in form, shall be summarily rejected. No advance copies of the proposals shall be accepted by DST. The proposals received after the notified due date shall not be considered in any case.

What are the allowances?

DAAD allowances for the German project groups		
	Category I	Category II
	University professors Scientists with PhD	Doctoral students
Lump sum travel allowance to India for German project participants	650 €	525 €

DAAD allowances for the Indian project groups			
	Category I		
	University professors, Scientists with PhD		
	max. stay per visit: 1 month		
Allowances (fixed) paid to Indian project participants during their stay in Germany.	1.- 22. day	23 day – 1 month	
	89 € per day	2.000 € lump sum	
	Category II		
Allowances (fixed) paid to Indian project participants during their stay in Germany.	Doctoral students		
	1st month		2nd month
	1.- 22. day	23. day – 1 month	1.- 22. day 23. day – 1 month
	45 € per day	1.000 € lump sum	33 € per day 1.000 € lump sum

Allowances paid by DST to German project participants during their stay in India:

Doctoral students, Scientists with PhD and University professors	Rs 2500/- per day as per-diem plus a well furnished institutional guest house accommodation subject to maximum of Rs 4,000/- per day if the accommodation is arranged outside the Institute premises on non-availability of accommodation at the institute of visit.
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DAAD and DST reserves the right to make appropriate changes to the above-mentioned allowances and/or to the accounting procedures in the event of any significant amendments to the legal terms and conditions, or changes in the actual basis of calculation.

What are the conditions for re- and multiple applications?

Re-applications within the framework of the programme are only possible, once the previous project has been formally closed at both sides. Applicants, who have already received funding under the said programme, may submit the new project proposal only with a different partner institute.

What is the deadline of application?

The deadline for submission of online applications at DAAD Bonn Germany and at DST New Delhi is 15th June 2015. Applications received after this deadline will not be entertained in any case.

When does the funding start?

The funding shall start from 01.01.2016.

Where should the applications be submitted?

The German research groups should apply online on the DAAD-Portal <https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>.

The applications by the Indian research groups must be submitted to the Department of Science and Technology in India as per the guidelines and format available at http://www.dst.gov.in/whats_new/main-new.htm.

Only **ONE** original hardcopy of the proposal, in prescribed format attached, duly forwarded by Head of the Institute / University must be submitted to DST. A soft copy (in a single soft file in pdf or ms-word format) as email attachment must also be sent to Sharma_rk@nic.in. Please do not include scan pages in the soft copy of the proposal. Advance copies of the proposals shall not be considered in any case.

The German partner needs to submit the application online as mentioned at <https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal> while the Indian partners need to submit ONE original hard copy of the application as per the format available at http://www.dst.gov.in/whats_new/main-new.htm

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