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Project- based Personnel Exchange Programme with India - Indo-German Joint Research Collaboration -

DAAD / University Grants Commission (UGC)

Agreement

The programme 'Project-based Personnel Exchange' is a bilateral research promotion programme that is a result of the agreement concluded between the German Academic Exchange Service and the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 2006.

Who are the funding institutions?

DAAD receives funds for implementing the programme through a budget allocation by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). On the Indian side the programme is funded by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of the Government of India.

What are the aims of the programme?

The aim of the programme is to strengthen the collaboration between Indian and German research groups, who are working jointly on a particular scientific project. The programme 'Project-based Personnel Exchange' envisages, in this connection, financial support for operational mobility. Particular emphasis is thereby accorded to further academic training and specialization of young academics. Concrete objectives have to be mentioned in the application (project description) (including the number and academic status of the persons to be funded). Research collaborations entered into with the intention of initiating further extensive 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, university professors, post-doctoral researchers and doctoral students.

Who can apply?

University professors, scientists and post-doctoral researchers from German and Indian universities and those in permanent employment at independent research institutes are eligible to apply. The programme is open to academics in the disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences.

What are the pre-requisites for application?

The pre-requisite for applying is a concrete and precise scientific research project of high quality, on which academics from both countries jointly, and to the extent possible complementarily, want to work on. It would not suffice to describe scientific problems of a general nature that 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 both sides should each 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 UGC and DAAD only if a parallel application has been submitted by the Indian and German partner with the UGC and DAAD respectively. Therein must be clearly described, the concrete tasks that would be undertaken by the German group and those that would be taken up by the Indian partner.

The scientific objectives of the proposal should be common on both sides. The project title submitted to both the sides must be absolutely identical. Projects submitted with different project titles will not be considered further for technical evaluation.

What is the funding period ?

A project is 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 institution.

The project funds for the fiscal year 2016 and 2017, respectively, will be sanctioned under the condition that the budgetary funds will be made available to DAAD and UGC through the funding ministries.

What are the measures that can be funded?

From the funds made available for the “Project-based Personnel Exchange Programme” (PPP) allowances are paid for visits to the partner institution, which are incurred 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 is 60 days per visit per year. The project description is to clearly mention the criteria used for selection of the persons to be funded.

Within the framework 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.

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

By granting allowances, DAAD shall bear the expenses related to international travel of the members of the German research group to their Indian partner institution as well as the local hospitality for members of the Indian research group in Germany.

UGC, on the other hand, shall bear the expenses related to the mobility of the Indian research group members and the local hospitality of the German research group members 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 UGC (basic office set-up, procurement of equipment, consumables, documentation, photocopies & printing and personnel costs) will be borne by the applicant

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 are evaluated on both sides by independent selection committee. The final selection is made jointly by UGC 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 UGC as well as to DAAD, complete in all respects, shall be considered for evaluation. Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected. No advance copies of the proposals shall be accepted by UGC. 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 | | |
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| | 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 | | | |
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| | 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 UGC to German project participants during their stay in India:

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| Doctoral students, Scientists with PhD and University professors | Rs.12,000/- per month with free accommodation (preferably in guesthouse/International hostel to be arranged by the collaborator) or Rs.500/ per day with free accommodation if the stay is for short duration. |
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DAAD and UGC 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. Applicants, who have already received funding under the said programme, should undertake the new project with different partner institute.

What is the deadline of application?

The deadline for submission of applications for PPP 2016/2017 is **15th June 2015**. Applications received after this deadline will not be entertained.

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 University Grants Commission in India as per the guidelines and format available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/more/cultural_exchange.html

Only ONE original hardcopy of the proposal duly forwarded by Head of the Institute / University must be submitted to UGC. A soft copy (in a single soft file in pdf or ms-word format) as email attachment must also be sent to mrigankasekharsarma@gmail.com / ugcic2@gmail.com.

Please do not include scan pages in the soft copy of the proposal.

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.ugc.ac.in/more/cultural_exchange.html

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