

German-Iraqi Academic Partnerships in 2016/17

What are the programme aims?

The central aim of the programme funded by the German Federal Foreign Office (*Auswärtiges Amt*) is to support development of the higher education landscape in Iraq. The German-Iraqi academic partnerships are to help in the formation of sustainable structures at the partner universities. The measures should actively contribute to improving and developing teaching in the partner countries and to intensifying academic contact between German and Iraqi higher education institutions.

The aim is to establish and develop long-term partnerships with two or more Iraqi higher education institutions. Besides this central aim, the following aims are pursued:

- To establish further networks between German and Iraqi higher education institutions;
- To (further) qualify Iraqi higher education teaching staff in teaching and research as well as to support the Iraqi higher education institutions in the development of services and university management if these help to improve the teaching situation there;
- To modernise higher education teaching in Iraq (e.g. by developing new curricula together, introducing new didactic forms) and link teaching and research;
- To provide targeted support for young academics from the target region;
- To contribute as a higher education institution to social development and the formation of a knowledge society in Iraq.

Programme applicants should indicate measurable project aims based on the points mentioned above.

Who is able to apply?

Applications are invited from German higher education and research institutions with a vested interest in establishing and developing an academic partnership with Iraq. Projects in all disciplines are eligible for funding, and particularly those on topics of special relevance to the development of Iraq and Iraqi higher education institutions and in which the German higher education and research institutions contribute to this development through teaching and research.

What is funding available for?

Funding is available for projects for a total of **two (2) years** (2016/17), with the option of extending funding by a further year. As a rule, funding is limited to a maximum of **100,000 EUR** per year.

Priority is given to funding measures to intensify academic exchanges and to build up the partnership between German and Iraqi higher education institutions as well as to further training measures to improve the teaching situation in Iraq, e.g. travel and living costs for the German and Iraqi higher education institutions. As such, measures in the neighbouring countries of Iran, Jordan and Turkey can also be funded if they are necessary for fulfilment of the project aim and cannot be realised in Iraq.

German higher education/research institutions are able to apply for limited funding to cover personnel and material costs (please see the funding guidelines in the appendix).

The following cannot be funded:

- Applications aiming exclusively at research cooperations;

- Projects already receiving funding from other sources (e.g. DFG, BMZ, GIZ) and/or the DAAD;
- Travel by representatives with no specific academic relevance and excursions;
- Expenses arising in Iraq, e.g. for personnel, room hire and consumables in addition to equipment;
Travel within Iraq by Iraqi scholarship recipients;
- Scholarships exclusively serving individual advancement and not awarded as part of a partnership project;
- Fees at the Iraqi partner institutions.

The programme is open to all disciplines.

Which disciplines are eligible for funding?

Which target groups are funded?

Target groups or **scholarship recipients** for this project include students and graduates with a bachelor's degree, doctoral students, academics, assistants, etc. with a master's degree or equivalent qualification, postdoctoral researchers and professors in addition to specialists.

Which general conditions must be met?

Active contact should already exist with academic partners in Iraq; please note that the cooperation agreement between the partner higher education institutions must be presented. In the medium term, the cooperation should also be realisable without DAAD funding.

Submitting an application

Applications must be **completed in full and submitted by the deadline stipulated exclusively via the DAAD portal** (<https://portal.daad.de>). The official programme name in the portal is: "German-Iraqi Academic Partnerships in 2016/17".

Applications can be submitted by higher education teaching staff (generally holding a professorship), who have registered as a project leader in the DAAD portal.

The following must be submitted with the application:

- Application cover sheet (available in the online portal)
- Financing plan (available in the online portal) as a detailed calculation of costs for the measures planned, including clearly-comprehensible detailed calculations. The DAAD funding rates apply (see the funding guidelines in the appendix)
- A detailed, concrete project description of up to ten (10) pages in length providing a detailed work and measures plan (incl. a tabular time plan) for the planned project funding period and indicating the timings, concrete aim, target intermediate aims and duration of all the measures planned
- Explanations of the expenses for the respective measures (incl. an outline of a target framework)
- Endorsement of the project application by the higher education teaching institution management (see appendix)
- Cooperation agreement between the partner higher education institution(s)

Funding is provided within the scope of full financing for the period from 01.01.16-31.12.17. Funding will take the form of a private law contract between the DAAD and the German higher education institution, and is subject

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to the availability of sufficient budgetary resources.

Applications can be submitted online up until **30.09.15**. Applications received after this date cannot be considered.

What are the selection criteria?

An external expert committee appointed by the DAAD will decide on the allocation of funding. Funding applications will be assessed according to formal and content-related criteria.

The contents are derived from the programme aim described above and the specialist quality. Specifically, the following criteria will be taken into account in the assessment:

- Academic quality of the project;
- Special consideration of students and young academics within the scope of the cooperation;
- Proof of a marked interest in a cooperation from the Iraqi side. As a rule, the partnership agreement submitted should be concluded on the higher education institution level, i.e. between the deans/presidents (university management) of the respective partner institutions;
- Presentation of the specialist need in the partner country;
- Explanation of the project's feasibility in light of the security situation in Iraq.

The higher education/research institution selects the individuals to fund within the scope of the planned project (please see the funding guidelines for details of the DAAD selection criteria).

Contact and further information

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Application appendices

Funding Guidelines

Endorsement of the project application by the higher education teaching institution management

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