



**DAAD-BMBF project “Towards excellence and international visibility in research and teaching”  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

<b>Aims of the project</b>	<p>The DAAD-BMBF funding project “Towards excellence and international visibility in research and teaching” follows an inclusive approach that aims at initiating and consolidating bilateral research cooperation of the German University in Cairo (GUC) with German universities and research institutions.</p> <p>For this reason, we will continue to fund research cooperation between GUC and German researchers in the form of research clusters. These clusters aim to establish and strengthen joint research activities in all faculties represented at the GUC.</p> <p>Both existing and new research cooperations are called to submit research proposals for new and innovative topics. As a new element, there is the option to fund joint teaching activities that complement the research activities, e.g., in the form of joint lectures or seminars with German and Egyptian students.</p>
<b>Who can apply?</b>	<p>Eligible to apply are academics (professors, lecturers) from the GUC and one or more German universities/ research institutes from all disciplines. A commitment letter, referring to the jointly developed research proposal, has to be signed by all cooperation partners. A lecturer or professor from all applying universities has to be designated as project coordinator and main contact person.</p>
<b>Duration of funding</b>	<p>12 months (January 2023 – December 2023)</p>
<b>What activities can be funded?</b>	<p>Financial support is primarily allocated for travel and accommodation expenses for single academics and/ or small groups from cooperating German universities and the GUC to participate in Workshops and Research Summer Schools, to conduct Short Term Research Stays up to three months, or to implement joint teaching activities. Postgraduate and PhD students as well as lecturers and professors can benefit from the fund.</p> <p>Covered expenses (pursuant to the German Travel Expenses Act, BRKG) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International travel expenses for German and GUC participants</li> <li>• National travel expenses for German participants</li> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• Daily allowances</li> <li>• Catering for Workshops</li> <li>• For a total of <b>up to 20% of the allocated budget</b>: Acquisition of consumables (i.e. chemicals) or publications (joint co-authorship) or employment of student helps in Germany</li> </ul>
<b>Budget calculation</b>	<p>The maximum funding per cooperative research project amounts to <b>10,000 EUR</b> per year. The type and number of funded activities included in the respective budget can be planned individually for each project to best fit the planned objectives and outcome. <b>Please refer to the guidelines for applications on how to calculate your budget.</b></p>

<b>Selection criteria</b>	<p>A selection committee made up of members from the three partner universities and the GUC will decide about the received applications. Only applications filled in an appropriate format and submitted within the Deadline will be considered.</p> <p>Essential criteria for the selection are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualifications of participants/ project members</li> <li>• Scientific quality of the cooperative research project (academic excellence)</li> <li>• Added value of the collaboration to GUC strategic goals, strengthening of cooperation with Germany, and long-term perspective of the collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement of young academics</li> <li>• Cooperation with partner universities in Baden-Württemberg (Ulm, Stuttgart, and Tübingen) is given preference in case of equal academic quality and relevance</li> <li>• In case of continued co-operations between same partners: the existing track record of the cooperation (e.g., in terms of joint publications)</li> <li>• Initiation of new co-operations is positively considered</li> </ul>			
<b>Application deadline and beginning of funding period</b>	<p>The deadline for applications is <b>31. October 2022</b>. Applicants will be notified about the decision of the selection committee by 10.12.2022. After signing a letter of acceptance, allotted funds can be used from 01.01.2023 onwards.</p>			
<b>How to apply</b>	<p>All required documents have to be submitted as <b>one pdf-file</b> and within the Deadline <a href="#">to Mobility Online</a>. The PDF must contain the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed and comprehensive project proposal, using the provided template and structure (max. 6 pages)</li> <li>• A preliminary budget calculation (max. 2 pages)</li> <li>• CVs and a list of 5 most relevant publications per included academic (max. 1 page per principal investigator)</li> <li>• Signed commitment letter by the German cooperation partner(s) and the responsible GUC academic</li> </ul> <p>Proposals exceeding the page limit will be rejected without further consideration.</p>			
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