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# Instruments for International Cooperation in Science and Research

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*Please contact the respective organisation for further  
detailed information on individual programmes.*

Start

# 1. Study Visits / Study Seminars and Practicals (DAAD)

- Groups of 10 to 15 students of all disciplines from the 3rd semester under the guidance of a university teacher
- To maintain contacts between foreign and German universities and provide an insight into economic, political and cultural life in Germany
- programme planning, full or part cost board and lodging (depending on country of origin)
- Study visits: 7 to 12 days  
Study-integrated practical training: 7 to 12 days
- [www.funding-guide.de/daad](http://www.funding-guide.de/daad)

For

Goal

Support

Term

More

## 2. DAAD University Summer Courses & Intensive Language Course Grants

For

- University summer courses: Students as from the 3rd academic year (all disciplines)
- Intensive language course grants: Students as from the 3rd academic year, graduates and doctoral students working in higher education (all disciplines except German studies, German as a foreign language and similar fields)

Goal

- Language and area studies / attendance of German language courses at a language institute in Germany

Support

- Part-cost grants, if applicable, a flat-rate travel allowance

Term

- University summer courses: 3 to 4 weeks
- Intensive language course grants: 2 months (between June and Jan.)

More

- [www.daad.de/deutschland/deutsch-lernen/sommerkurse/00490.en.html](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/deutsch-lernen/sommerkurse/00490.en.html)
- [www.funding-guide.de/daad](http://www.funding-guide.de/daad)

### 3. DAAD Study Scholarships

For

- Graduates of all disciplines
- Students: please check, if available for your country

Goal

- To gain an academic degree (Master/Diplom) within the scope of a graduate or Master's programme

Support

- 715 € /month plus subsidiary allowances

Term

- 10 to 24 months

More

- [www.daad.de/deutschland/en/index.html](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/en/index.html) and [www.funding-guide.de/daad](http://www.funding-guide.de/daad)

## 4. Internships in the IAESTE programme

For

- Foreign bachelor and master students reading natural sciences and engineering as well as agricultural and forestry sciences

Goal

- internships in companies, research institutes and higher education institutions

Support

- 615 € /month

Term

- In general 2 to 3 months
- From the respective IAESTE National Committee

More

- [www.iaeste.org/](http://www.iaeste.org/)
- [www.funding-guide.de/daad](http://www.funding-guide.de/daad)

## 5. DAAD Research Grants

**For**

- Doctoral students and young academics/scientists from all disciplines

**Goal**

- Research project within the scope of the doctorate; research studies

**Support**

- 715 to 975 € /month (depending on qualification level) and subsidiary allowances

**Term**

- 1 to 10 months if doctorate is gained in home country; up to 3 years for a full doctoral programme in Germany

**More**

- [www.funding-guide.de/daad](http://www.funding-guide.de/daad)

## 6. Leibniz - DAAD Scholarship

For

- Doctoral students and postdocs

Goal

- Doctoral / Postdoc research at a Leibniz Institute within the framework of prescribed subjects. Doctoral students may gain a doctoral degree of a German university or of a university in their home country

Support

- Doctoral students: 975 € /month, plus subsidiary allowances
- Postdocs: 1.840 € /month, no subsidiary allowances

Term

- 1 to 3 years for Ph.D. students, 12 up to 24 months for postdocs

More

- [www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/04831.de.html](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/04831.de.html)
- [www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de](http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de)

## 7. Helmholtz - DAAD Fellowship

For

- Highly-qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students from all around the world

Goal

- Research project at a Helmholtz Centre with the goal of gaining a doctorate; postdocs: research or advanced qualification project at a Helmholtz Centre

Support

- min. 975 €/month plus possible additional payments: e.g. subsidy for travel expenses, health insurance, family allowances (doctoral students), postdoctoral students: 1840 €/month

Term

- 12 to 36 months, the respective offer is usually published in September, deadline for application is December 15

More

- [www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/04756.de.html](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/04756.de.html)
- [www.helmholtz.de](http://www.helmholtz.de)

## 8. Individual Doctoral Projects at Max Planck Institutes

For

- Doctoral students from Germany and abroad

Goal

- To enable highly qualified doctoral students to carry out a doctoral project within the scope of research work conducted at a Max Planck Institute

Support

- Depending on qualification level and family status: from around 1000 to 1622 €/ month (by grant or working contract)

Term

- 2 years with a possible 1-year extension  
Applications may be submitted directly to a Max Planck Institute at any time

More

- [www.maxplanck.de](http://www.maxplanck.de)
- [www.mpg.de/english/institutesProjectsFacilities/index.html](http://www.mpg.de/english/institutesProjectsFacilities/index.html)

## 9. International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS)

For

- Doctoral students from Germany and abroad

Goal

- To prepare outstanding doctoral students from Germany and abroad for a doctoral degree in cooperation with foreign and domestic universities at selected locations with excellent research and learning conditions; teaching language is English

Support

- Depending on qualification level and family status: from around 1000 to 1622 €/ month (by grant or working contract)

Term

- 2 years with a possible 1-year extension  
Applications may be submitted directly to one of the 49 International Max Planck Research Schools at any time

More

- [www.imprs.mpg.de](http://www.imprs.mpg.de)

## 10. Research Training Groups (DFG)

For

- Doctoral students and postdocs

Goal

- To recruit outstanding international doctoral students, to provide an opportunity to gain a doctorate in a high-quality cooperation-based research environment and to promote the early scientific independence of doctoral candidates

Support

- Fellowships, funding for consumables and travel allowances

Term

- Applications may be submitted directly to the German universities (Head of the Research Training Group), 2 years with a possible 1-year extension

More

- List of Research Training Groups: [www.dfg.de/gk/en](http://www.dfg.de/gk/en)

## 11. Emmy Noether Programme (DFG)

For

- Young researchers with substantial international research experience who have a doctorate (summa cum laude or, as exemption, magna cum laude) and otherwise established an excellent scientific track record

Goal

- To enable outstanding and highly qualified young researchers to become eligible for a university teaching career

Support

- Funding for an Independent Junior Research Group including the position of head according to BAT Ia/Ib for the applicant, and for personnel and consumables necessary to complete the project during the funding period

Term

- Funding for a five-year period. An interim appraisal will be carried out after three years; funding for sixth year is only possible in exceptional cases

More

- [www.dfg.de/emmy\\_noether/en](http://www.dfg.de/emmy_noether/en)

## 12. Max Planck Grants for Advanced Postdoctoral Training

For

- Outstanding postdocs from Germany and abroad who have been working in science and research for at least 2 years or hold a comparable qualification

Goal

- To gain additional knowledge and capabilities at a Max Planck Institute within the scope of the existing professional qualification

Support

- Depending on qualification level or age and marital status:
  - 2100 to 3260 € /month for foreign postdocs
  - 1443 to 1826 € /month for domestic postdocs

Term

- 2 years, with a max. 1 year extension
- Applications may be submitted directly to a Max Planck Institute at any time

More

- [www.mpg.de/english/institutesProjectsFacilities/index.html](http://www.mpg.de/english/institutesProjectsFacilities/index.html)

## 13. Head of an Independent Junior Research Group at Max Planck Institutes

For

- Young, highly qualified scientists and researchers

Goal

- To qualify scientists for leading positions in the higher education and scientific research sectors through early independent work; selection follows an international job announcement; freedom in the research field

Support

- Personal budget to cover material and human resources
- Funding for core equipment
- Average 4.400 € /month (depending on qualification level and family status)

Term

- Five-year support term with possible 2x2 yrs. extension
- 6-month preparation phase possible
- Application follows an international job announcement

More

- [www.junior-research-groups.mpg.de](http://www.junior-research-groups.mpg.de)

## 14. Collaborative Research Centres DFG Research Centres

For

- Doctoral students, postdocs and senior scientists

Goal

- To concentrate scientific research competence in particularly innovative fields and create internationally visible research priorities at universities, to promote interdisciplinary cooperation, to advance young researchers

Support

- Opportunities for international cooperation, job opportunities

Term

- For further information and applications the centres should be contacted directly; applications may be submitted at any time

More

- [www.dfg.de/sfb/en](http://www.dfg.de/sfb/en)
- [www.dfg.de/fzt/en](http://www.dfg.de/fzt/en)

## 15. Humboldt Research Fellowships

- For**

  - Outstanding scholars up to 40 years of age who hold a doctorate
- Goal**

  - To carry out a research stay at a scientific host institution in Germany; all countries, all disciplines
- Support**

  - Research fellowship, travel allowance, language course, family allowance, conference allowance
  - AvH hallmarks: extensive follow-up contact programme, integration into the worldwide, cross-disciplinary network of the Humboldt Foundation
- Term**

  - 6 to 12 months, applications possible at any time
- More**

  - [www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip\\_aus/stp.htm](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip_aus/stp.htm)
  - Please also note the additional regional and subject specific special programmes

## 16. Georg Forster Research Fellowship (AvH)

For

- Outstanding scholars up to 45 years of age who hold a doctorate and come from emerging or developing countries

Goal

- Research stay at a scientific host institution in Germany to carry out a project of development policy relevance (all disciplines)

Support

- Research fellowship, travel allowance, language course, family allowance, conference allowance; AvH hallmarks: extensive follow-up contact programme, integration into the worldwide, cross-disciplinary network of the Humboldt Foundation

Term

- 6 to 12 months, applications possible at any time

More

- [www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip\\_aus/gf.htm](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip_aus/gf.htm)

## 17. Helmholtz-(University)Young Investigators Groups

For

- Top post-doctorates from domestic or international institutions with proven research experience abroad, 2 – 6 years after doctorate who would like to participate in a Helmholtz programme

Goal

- To provide the best foreign and domestic junior researchers with excellent working conditions, to grant independence early on with secure career prospects

Support

- not less than 250,000 Euro p. a.:
  - group leader position
  - graduate students or technical staff (3 on average)
  - funds for laboratory set-up

Term

- The term of the research groups is 5 years with an evaluation after 3-4 years

More

- [http://www.helmholtz.de/en/News/Helmholtz\\_Calls\\_for\\_Application/Young\\_Investigators\\_Groups.html](http://www.helmholtz.de/en/News/Helmholtz_Calls_for_Application/Young_Investigators_Groups.html)

## 18. Research Stays, Re-invitations (DAAD)

For

- Foreign university teachers, academics, scientists, former holders of DAAD one-year scholarships

Goal

- To carry out a research or study project at a German university or non-university research institute

Support

- From 1840 to 1990 €/ month (depending on academic status), for certain countries: travel allowance

Term

- 1 to 3 months

More

- [www.funding-guide.de/daad](http://www.funding-guide.de/daad)

## 19. Bilateral Exchange of Academics and Scientists (DAAD)

For

- Academics and scientists from universities or research institutes working in all subject areas in Germany or in partner countries with which an appropriate agreement has been signed

Goal

- Support is available for a research or study stay within the scope of the bilateral exchange of academics and scientists

Support

- The sending side pays the international travel costs; DAAD pays the subsistence costs

Term

- 2 weeks to 3 months

More

- [www.funding-guide.de/daad](http://www.funding-guide.de/daad)

## 20. DAAD Postdoctoral programme

- For**
  - Outstanding young researchers of all disciplines who hold a doctorate. The fellowship is granted for research stays outside Germany.
- Goal**
  - To carry out independent research projects at host institutions abroad
- Support**
  - Research fellowship, travel allowance, family allowance, reintegration support
- Term**
  - 6 months to 2 years
- More**
  - <http://www.daad.de/ausland/foerderungsmoeglichkeiten/stipendiendatenbank/00658.de.html>

## 21. Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships (AvH)

**For** ■ Outstanding scholars up to 38 years of age who hold a doctorate

**Goal** ■ To carry out a research stay at the scientific host institution abroad of a guest researcher who was supported by the Humboldt Foundation in earlier years; all countries, all disciplines

**Support** ■ Research fellowship, travel allowance, family allowance, bridging assistance for the return to Germany  
 ■ AvH hallmarks: extensive follow-up contact programme, integration into the worldwide, cross-disciplinary network of the Humboldt Foundation

**Term** ■ 6 months to 4 years, applications possible at any time

**More** ■ [www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip\\_deu/flf.htm](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip_deu/flf.htm)

## 22. Foreign Visiting Scientists at Max Planck Institutes

For

- Excellently qualified foreign scientists

Goal

- To enable independent research in at a Max Planck Institute; to promote networking; to strengthen cooperation with international partners

Support

- Grant, travel allowance

Term

- Visits can start at any time
- Contact the potential host Max Planck Institute directly

More

- [www.mpg.de/english/institutesProjectsFacilities/index.html](http://www.mpg.de/english/institutesProjectsFacilities/index.html)

## 23. Foreign Visiting Scientists at Leibniz-Institutes

For

- Excellent foreign scientists

Goal

- Possibility to follow or complete research in the scientific context of a Leibniz-Institute; to promote networking; to strengthen cooperation with international partners for the Leibniz-Institutes

Support

- Monthly salary or fee, according to the individual possibilities of the host institute

Term

- Visits can start at any time
- Contact the potential host Leibniz-Institute directly

More

- [www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de](http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de)

## 24. Programme des projektbezogenen Personenaustausch (PPP) (DAAD Funding for Joint Research Collaborations)

For

- Academics, scientists, graduates, doctoral students, diploma students from Germany and a respective partner country with which an appropriate agreement has been signed

Goal

- To intensify scientific cooperation within the scope of a concrete, joint research project

Support

- Travel and subsistence allowances paid by the respective sending side (DAAD funding for German partner only)

Term

- Up to 3 years for the whole project

More

- <http://www.daad.de/hochschulen/kooperation/partnerschaft/ppp/05485.de.html> (information in German only)

## 25. Fraunhofer Attract - Head of Research Group at Fraunhofer Institute

For

- Young, highly qualified scientists and researchers with affinity to applied research

Goal

- Development of a promising idea towards industrial application
- Qualification of scientists for leading positions at Fraunhofer, in industry or as entrepreneurs

Support

- 500,000 € p.a. for 5 years (total of 2.5 Mio. €) for scientific staff and equipment
- Individual advanced training

Term

- 5 years, establishment of independent group within Fraunhofer Institute during support  
Intended self-sustaining group within Fraunhofer Institute after support  
Yearly call for proposals

More

- [http://www.fraunhofer.de/fhg/EN/jobs/Fraunhofer\\_Attract/index.jsp](http://www.fraunhofer.de/fhg/EN/jobs/Fraunhofer_Attract/index.jsp)

## 26. Preparatory Trips, Cooperation Visits, Bilateral Symposia (DFG)

- For
  - Scientists and academics planning or carrying out concrete research projects with colleagues in Germany
- Goal
  - To prepare and support bilateral research projects
- Support
  - International travel costs paid by an institution in the respective home country, subsistence costs paid by the DFG (matching funds)
- Term
  - Preparatory trips up to 3 weeks, cooperation visits up to 3 months
- More
  - [www.dfg.de/en/international/international\\_context/koop\\_allg/bilaterale\\_proj.html](http://www.dfg.de/en/international/international_context/koop_allg/bilaterale_proj.html)

## 27. Mercator Visiting Professorships (DFG)

For

- Highly qualified researchers from abroad

Goal

- To strengthen research and research oriented teaching at German universities; specific support for internationalisation measures

Support

- The DFG pays a monthly salary and subsidiary allowances

Term

- 3 to 12 months; applications may be submitted by the German host university at any time

More

- [www.dfg.de/en/research\\_funding/scientific\\_contacts/mercator/index.html](http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/scientific_contacts/mercator/index.html)

## 28. Humboldt Research Awards

For

- Outstanding, internationally recognized scholars, no age limit

Goal

- To honour life-time achievements, combined with an invitation to carry out a research project in Germany

Support

- One-off financial award  
AvH hallmarks: extensive follow-up contact programme, integration into the worldwide, cross-disciplinary network of the Humboldt Foundation

Term

- Nomination possible at any time by recognised scholars in Germany

More

- [www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/preise/index.htm](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/preise/index.htm)

## 29. European Young Investigator Award (EURYI)

For

- Outstanding young researchers who have between 2 and 8 years of postdoctoral experience

Goal

- To enable and encourage outstanding young researchers from all over the world to work in one of the participating European countries
- Funding for an Independent Junior Research Group for a period of five years, principal cost categories are personnel, equipment, consumables, travel and publication cost, funding for staff will be paid accordingly to the BAT salary scale.

Support

Term

- 5 years

More

- [www.dfg.de/euryi\\_award/en](http://www.dfg.de/euryi_award/en)

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For

- Applicable for hosting senior researchers from the US (or China) at Fraunhofer Institutes in Germany, or for delegating senior Fraunhofer researchers to American or Asian research institutes.

Goal

- Encourage mutually beneficial cooperation

Support

- Up to five eligible fellowships p.a., salaries can be up to 4 300 € (depending on qualification and marital status) plus subsidiary allowance

Term

- 6 months up to 1 year, if the cooperation fits broader strategic goals

More

- [www.fraunhofer.de/fhg/jobs/fellowships/Research\\_fellowship\\_programs.jsp](http://www.fraunhofer.de/fhg/jobs/fellowships/Research_fellowship_programs.jsp)

## 31. Fraunhofer Bessel Research Award

For

- Internationally recognized, outstanding scientists from the US, up to the age of 45 years, working in research areas which match the research fields of the hosting Fraunhofer Institute

Goal

- Award winners will be invited to spend 6 to 12 month in Germany, working closely with a partner at one of the Fraunhofer Institutes.
- Award winners will become part of a network of academics worldwide, maintained by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Support

- Up to three Fraunhofer Bessel Research Awards p.a., valued at up to 55 000 €

More

- [www.fraunhofer.de/fhg/jobs/fellowships/Research\\_fellowship\\_programs.jsp](http://www.fraunhofer.de/fhg/jobs/fellowships/Research_fellowship_programs.jsp).



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