



PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

GRANTING GUIDELINES

Promoting German Studies in the United Kingdom and Ireland (PGS) 2025-2027

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The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the programme "Promoting German Studies in the United Kingdom and Ireland (PGS), Project Funding for Round V - 2025 to 2027" with funds from the Federal Foreign Office (AA).

The term "German Studies" describes research and teaching about contemporary Germany (including comparative studies) and its interaction with other European countries and the world at large. The focus is on approaches based in the social sciences and/or interdisciplinary orientated cultural studies that go beyond, though do not exclude, the literary manifestations of contemporary German culture.

The objectives of the funding programme are:

- 1: To contribute to the ongoing political and cultural dialogue between the UK, Ireland and Germany.
- 2: To enhance cooperation between existing institutional structures in the field of German Studies so that the entire academic community in the UK, Ireland and at DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies can take maximum advantage of these and related initiatives.
- 3: To encourage universities in the UK and Ireland to further develop their own intellectual and financial commitment to German Studies.
- 4: To expand participants' knowledge of Germany as a location for education and research by including German universities as well as other German educational and research institutions.

Ecological sustainability

The DAAD has set itself the goal of further reducing its ecological footprint as an organisation and funding body. In the context of project funding, the aim should be to plan and implement projects in a way that conserves resources, the climate and the environment. This applies in particular to mobility/travel and, depending on the type and scope of the project, can also relate to procurement and awarding, event management or marketing and public relations.

Diversity

In its diversity agenda, the DAAD defines diversity, equal opportunities and inclusion as important cross-cutting goals for international academic exchange. Talented people should also be given the opportunity to contribute their diversity and different perspectives as part of project funding. Projects must be planned and realised with this cross-cutting objective in mind. Additional funding can be provided for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses (see

information sheet "Information on mobility with disabilities and chronic illnesses").

ELIGIBLE MEASURES

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Measures eligible for funding are:

1. Academic summer/winter school

Funding is available for an academic summer/winter school at postgraduate level (MA/PhD-students) from all over the UK, Ireland, Germany and the network of DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies (www.daad.de/cges). The summer school should be interdisciplinary in nature in order to discuss key topics relating to Germany and Europe from different perspectives. Various academic formats such as lectures, podium discussions and workshops should be rounded off with a cultural supporting programme.

The host university in the UK or Ireland is responsible for the content-related and organisational planning of the summer school, for publishing the call among the other universities in the UK, Ireland and Germany and/or the DAAD Centres for German and European Studies in consultation with the DAAD, for managing participation and for conducting the summer school.

The summer/winter school may be held in cooperation with other universities in the UK and/or Ireland and/or German partner institutions and/or Centres from the network of DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies. It should offer places for at least twelve participants, whose travel and subsistence costs will be funded under this measure. Places should be advertised among German departments in the UK and/or Ireland only and, on content-related grounds, with German partner universities and/or the DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies.

Additional graduates from other partner universities in UK, Ireland and Germany may also join the summer/winter school as self-funding participants.

Duration: three days (min) up to two weeks (max).

The language primarily used should be German; however, contributions may be delivered in English, too.

2. Joint research projects between one or more HE institutions in the UK, Ireland and in Germany and, if possible, DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies worldwide

Joint research projects between the HE institutions in the UK, Ireland and in Germany. Cooperation with other DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies worldwide (www.daad.de/cges) would be a plus. Preference will be given to projects on contemporary Germany.

The focus is on interdisciplinarity but applications for research projects focusing on a single discipline on topics related to contemporary Germany are also

welcome. Furthermore, the DAAD encourages project proposals, that involve students at UG and PG level in addition to senior and junior researchers.

Priority will be given to projects involving several universities in the UK and/or Ireland.

3. Short Research Visits to the UK and Ireland

Funds are available for short research visits of up to three months for academic staff from German universities or from the worldwide DAAD-funded network of German and European Studies Centres to pursue academic projects at one or several universities in the UK and Ireland.

The three measures mentioned can be implemented or supported through the use/development of digital formats (e.g. virtual exchange formats, digitally supported events).

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

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All expenditure that is necessary for the realisation of the project (implementation of the measures) is eligible for funding. This includes in particular:

PERSONNEL RESOURCES FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT

- research assistants
- student assistants
- other staff

Personnel expenditure includes the gross salary of the employer. Collectively agreed annual special payments are only eligible for funding for the approval period and only insofar as the payment date falls within this period.

MATERIAL RESOURCES

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- for visiting academics, lecturers and guest speakers as part of events, teaching assignments, moderations, seminar leadership
- for other commissions, e.g. web design and texts, editing, translations, etc.

On the basis of locally proportionate and reasonable rates for similar activities honoraria may be paid; honoraria exceeding 500 Euro per speaker per event need to be accounted for in detail in the annual project report (e. g. for non-academic guest speakers).

Expenditure for mobility and, if applicable, accommodation can also be applied for and claimed in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality. These expenditures, which do not relate to the fee itself, must be included in the fee contract.

MOBILITY PROJECT PERSONNEL/STAFF

Expenses for mobility (travel and flights) can be applied for and claimed in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality; rail travel (regardless of its duration) only in 2nd class and flights only in economy class.

STAY OF PROJECT PERSONNEL/STAFF

Expenses for the stay (accommodation and meals) can be applied for and claimed in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality.

MATERIAL EXPENSES IN GERMANY/ABROAD

- Consumables (e.g. paper)
- Assets (e.g. software, licenses, host fees)
- Room rental (e.g. rent for conference rooms)
- Printing/publications/advertising and public relations (e.g. flyers, brochures, posters, scientific publications)
- External services (companies that are commissioned to provide services and procurement, e.g. catering, bus travel, repair services, IT services)
- Other (e.g. teaching material)

FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

1. For academic summer/winter schools

MOBILITY OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- **Mobility allowances** for mobility between **Germany ↔ UK and Ireland** (see **Annex**)
 - › For postgraduate and doctoral students participating in an academic summer/winter school, a mobility allowance for travelling/flights can be applied for and claimed.
 - › The mobility allowance arises on the first day of the trip and must be evidenced by a list of participants signed by the participants, which must be submitted with the Evidence of Use (EoU). The mobility allowance covers all expenditure in connection with the trip (including travel and flights as well as expenditure for visas, vaccinations, excess baggage, baggage insurance, etc.).

Expenditure on participants' mobility, where no mobility allowances can be used, may be claimed in accordance with the principles of economy and frugality (2nd class/economy).

STAY OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- **Allowances for stays** in the **UK and Ireland** (see **Annex**)
 - › For postgraduate and doctoral students who are attending a summer/winter school in the UK or Ireland, a subsistence allowance for their stay (accommodation and meals) can be applied for and claimed.
 - › The allowance is payable on the first day of the stay and must be evidenced by a list of participants signed by the participants and submitted with the Interim Evidence of Use (EoU). The accommodation

allowance covers expenditure on board and lodging as well as health, accident and liability insurance.

2. For joint research projects

MOBILITY OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- **Mobility scholarships** for **German** and **foreign** students, doctoral candidates, post-doctoral researchers, experienced academics and professors taking part in a joint research project for mobility between **Germany ↔ UK and Ireland** (see **Annex**)
 - › The mobility grant must be included as a benefit in the scholarship agreement.
- **Mobility allowances** for mobility between **Germany ↔ UK and Ireland** (see **Annex**)
 - › For students, doctoral candidates, post-doctoral researchers, experienced academics and professors taking part in a joint research project a mobility allowance for travelling/flights can be applied for and claimed.
 - › The mobility allowance arises on the first day of the trip and must be evidenced by a list of participants signed by the participants, which must be submitted with the Evidence of Use (EoU). The mobility allowance covers all expenditure in connection with the trip (including travel and flights as well as expenditure for visas, vaccinations, excess baggage, baggage insurance, etc.).

Expenditure on mobility for German and foreign participants, where no mobility allowances can be used, can be claimed in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality (2nd class/economy).

STAY OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

Scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students

from higher education institutions in the **UK or Ireland** to undertake academic training and/or research at a state or state-recognised German higher education institution or non-university research institution **in Germany** (see **Annex**). The academic and/or research stay in Germany should not exceed six months.

- › The scholarship must be included as a benefit in the scholarship agreement.
- **Scholarships for academics** from universities in the **UK or Ireland** to undertake research at a German university or non-university research institution **in Germany** (see **Annex**). Visits for specific academic and research projects mutually agreed by the host institution in Germany or partners at a German university working in the relevant field. Objectives may include familiarisation with specific scientific methods, work in libraries and archives, and, in exceptional cases, information visits to get to know the German higher education system and individual institutions in the specific field of

interest for which funding is being provided. The research stay in Germany should not exceed six months.

- › The scholarship must be included as a benefit in the scholarship agreement.

Scholarships for undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students from **German** universities to universities in the **UK or Ireland** to undertake academic training and/or research projects (see **Annex**). Scholarships should not exceed six months.

- › The scholarship must be included as a benefit in the scholarship agreement.
- **Allowances for stays** in the **UK and Ireland** (see **Annex**)
 - › For undergraduates, postgraduates and doctoral students from German universities and DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies abroad, invited to universities in the UK and Ireland for short visits, conferences, workshops, colloquia and special lectures, a subsistence allowance for their stay (overnight stay and meals) can be applied for and claimed.
 - › The allowance is payable on the first day of the stay and must be evidenced by a list of participants signed by the participants and submitted with the Interim Evidence of Use (EoU). The accommodation allowance covers expenditure on board and lodging as well as health, accident and liability insurance.
- **Expenditure for the stay** (accommodation and meals) of German and foreign participants, where no allowances can be used, can be applied for and claimed in accordance with the principles of economy and frugality.

3. Short Research Visits to the UK and Ireland

MOBILITY OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

- **Mobility scholarships** for **German** and **foreign** post-doctoral researchers, experienced academics and professors undertaking short research visits to the UK and Ireland for mobility between **Germany ↔ UK and Ireland** (see **Annex**)
 - › The mobility grant must be included as a benefit in the scholarship agreement.
- **Mobility allowances** for mobility between **Germany ↔ UK and Ireland** (see **Annex**)
 - › For post-doctoral researchers, experienced academics and professors undertaking short research visits to the UK and Ireland a mobility allowance for travelling/flights can be applied for and claimed.
 - › The mobility allowance arises on the first day of the trip and must be evidenced by a list of participants signed by the participants, which must be submitted with the Evidence of Use (EoU). The mobility allowance covers all expenditure in connection with the trip (including travel and flights as well as expenditure for visas, vaccinations, excess baggage, baggage insurance, etc.).

- **Expenditure on mobility** for German and foreign participants, where no mobility allowances can be used, can be claimed in accordance with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality (2nd class/economy).

STAY OF FUNDED INDIVIDUALS

Expenditure for the stay (accommodation and meals) of German and foreign participants where no allowance can be used, can be claimed in accordance with the principles of economy and frugality.

TYPE OF FUNDING

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Funding is provided as fixed-sum financing.

The grant is subject to the provision that own funds, third-party funds and other funds are brought in to finance the project. If own funds, third-party funds and other funds are contributed in the form of income/expenditure that cannot be documented, these must be plausibly presented in the financing plan and project description.

FUNDING PERIOD

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The funding period begins on 1 January 2025 at the earliest and ends on 31 December 2027 at the latest.

Applicants can apply for two years of funding. In individual and well-founded cases, an additional third year of funding may be granted. All funding decisions are made by the selection committee.

Proposals can be submitted for a maximum funding period of three years (36 months).

FUNDING AMOUNT

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Applications can be made for a grant of up to 40,000 euros per year.

SUBJECT AREAS

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The programme is open to subjects in the field of German studies (see above) with a focus on the humanities, economics, law and social sciences.

TARGET GROUP

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The programme is aimed at senior and junior academics, i.e. doctoral candidates and Masters students, as well as staff in departments at universities in the UK and Ireland working on subjects related to German and Germany/"Germany in Europe"/"Germany in the World", i.e. politics, history, sociology, law, philosophy, literature or economics. Where appropriate, senior and junior researchers, student and/or research assistants from German partner universities/DAAD-funded Centres for German and European Studies; in exceptional cases, bachelor students in German and European Studies may also be eligible.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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Eligible applicants are state and state-recognised British and Irish universities (except the University of Cambridge*) and/or non-university research institutions that are recognised as non-profit and self-researching in the UK or Ireland.

Joint applications between institutions are encouraged. This applies to all programme measures mentioned above. Institutions and consortia may apply for funding under more than one measure in a single proposal. Individual institutions or members of staff may join several consortia or submit both individual and consortium proposals.

**Applicants from the University of Cambridge should contact the "[DAAD Cambridge Research Hub for German Studies](#)" for information on available funding. Applications from the University of Cambridge as the principal applicant will not be accepted for the PGS Programme. However, the University of Cambridge may be included as a partner in a joint application submitted by another British or Irish institution (see above).*

APPLICATION

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The application for project funding must be complete and submitted to the DAAD London office by e-mail by the deadline (see contact below). The following documents must be submitted:

- Project description, see template
- Financing plan, see template
- Cooperation agreement of the participating university/universities, if applicable
- Endorsement by the university management, see template
- Presentation of the overall financing, see template

After the application deadline, changes to the financing plan, the project description and subsequently submitted or amended documents will no longer be considered.

An institution may apply for the different measures of this programme or even submit more than one application for a single measure. Summer/winter schools can only be funded once per year per applicant.

Applications for different measures require separate applications.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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Application deadline is 15 July 2024.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

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Selection of applications for project funding

The DAAD decides on funding on the basis of the evaluation of the applications by a selection committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- (1) Technical and substantive quality of the project in terms of achieving the project and programme objectives (weighting: 70 %)
- (2) Quality and stringency of the project planning (weighting: 15%)
- (3) Impact of the project on the individual target groups and addressed areas beyond the funding period of the project (weighting: 5%)
- (4) Consideration of diversity (weighting: 5 %)
- (5) Climate-sensitive project organisation (weighting: 5 %)

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCEDURE

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Selection of Scholarships

The grant recipient decides on the awarding of scholarships on the basis of a selection committee appointed by it.

- Public announcement of the scholarship offer
- Composition of the selection committee (e.g. grant recipient, DAAD, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (e.g. professional or personal suitability)
- Award of the scholarship:
 - › by scholarship contract (e.g. "Scholarship award" and "Declaration of acceptance")
 - › Award of a scholarship certificate (here: Naming the DAAD, the sponsor, concrete description of the scholarship benefits and their amount, e.g. residence and mobility scholarship)

The selection procedure must be described in the project description.

ANNEX

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Annex: Eligible Expenses, Scholarships and Allowances

TEMPLATES

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- Project description
- Financing plan
- Presentation of the overall financing
- Endorsement by university management
- Substantive report
- List of receipts
- Scholarship award certificate

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Leaflet "Information on mobility with disabilities and chronic illness"

CONTACT

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