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INDIVIDUAL FUNDING

Postdoc-NeT-AI – Short-term Research Stay

OBJECTIVE

1 Enabling Postdoc-NeT-AI scholars to realize joint short-term research projects at German universities and non-university research institutions together with their hosts.

WHO CAN APPLY?

2 Postdoc-NeT-AI fellows from outside Germany are eligible to apply. At the time of application, a specific research project in the field of artificial intelligence must have been developed together with a host at a German University or research institution. Applicants must not have received funding through this specific funding line before.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

3 Short-term research stays at a university or research institute in Germany to realize a project in the field of artificial intelligence that has been developed jointly with the host institution. The project should be integrated into longer-term cooperation plans. Applicants can only apply with one project.

DURATION OF THE FUNDING

4 The funding period is one to three months, during which the researcher is required to be physically present and actively engaged at the German institution. The short-term research stay will have to be completed no later than December 31, 2027.

VALUE

5 For the duration of the research stay in Germany, the scholarship holder will receive a monthly stipend of 2,800 euros in case they have a PhD. Doctoral candidates will receive 1,400 euros per month. Benefits such as health, nursing care, accident and personal liability insurance as well as a travel allowance will be covered. As a contribution to the research costs the host institution can receive a monthly allowance of up to 3,300 euros, which will be made available via a funding authorization. The actual costs must be proven with appropriate documentation.

SELECTION

6 Applications are prepared by the Postdoc-NeT-AI scholar in close cooperation with the German host. They form the basis of the selection process, which involves experts of the specific research area.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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In accordance with the objectives of the program, the central selection criteria are:
- Scientific excellence of the applicant,
- Scientific excellence of the host,
- Quality of the research project,
- Scientific relevance for the research field,
- Relevance for application and transfer,
- Integration of the project into longer-term cooperation plans, regarding longer-term research stays of the applicant in Germany.

WHAT REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET?

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The applicant must have been funded in the Postdoc-NeT-AI program.
The planned research project must have been developed together with researchers from a university or a non-university research institute in Germany and the host institution must have agreed to provide institutional support for the project.
The research project should be embedded in longer-term cooperation plans. It is desirable that further visits by the applicant to the German institute and/or closely associated partners in Germany are announced for the future.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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The letter of invitation from the host institution in Germany must also address the language requirements for the realization of the planned project and confirm that the applicant's language skills meet these requirements.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

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Following documents are submitted online via application portal:

1. The application form with general information on the applicant and the host institution.
2. The research proposal, jointly developed by the applicant and the German host (2-3 pages).
3. Curriculum vitae.
4. List of publications.
5. Motivation (1-2 pages).
6. Time schedule

Important: Please, download the following forms here and submit them online via application portal:

1. The „Ethics Issues Checklist“(Form 1), jointly filled by the applicant and the German host.
2. The invitation letter by the German host (Form 2).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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You can submit your application here:
https://portal.meindaad.de/sites/personalfunding/#PBFApplication-Start?fundingProgramInstance=57897077

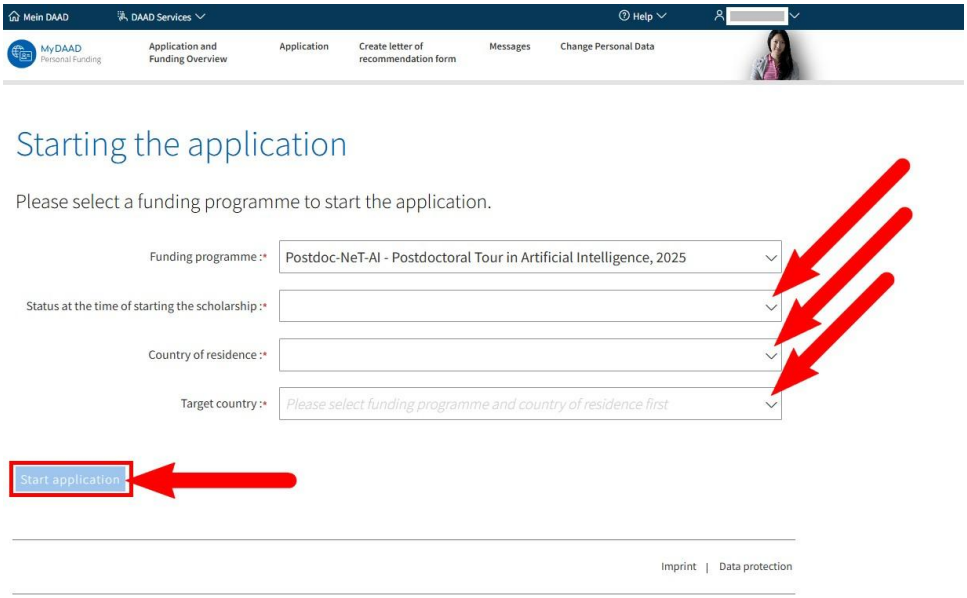
The application deadline is **November 30, 2026**.
The review of the application will take approximately 3 months. **The earliest start** date for successful applications is **April 1, 2027.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

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1. Registration at My DAAD (meindaad.de) -> Instructions: 01 Registration
2. Click on the above application link after registering in the portal.
3. Call up the tab "Personal funding" -> "Application".
The Funding program is pre-filled.

Now the "Status at the time of starting the scholarship“, the "Country of residence", and “Target country” must be selected (see illustration).



[Note: The application period is shown in brackets after the target country, i.e. 01.02.2024 - 22.04.2024.
The funding period is specified in the application form].
Finally, the button "Start application" can be used. The rest of the process is described in the portal instructions.

* Portal instructions for the application:
English: https://www.meindaad.de/en/help/how-can-i-submit-my-application/

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