



„With our project on „Comparative Economic Development Studies“, we have managed to build a network of young and experienced researchers across 7 countries and 4 continents. Dozens of young PhD students have been able to gain their first experience with intercultural and cross-border academic collaboration, and a number of productive and lasting research relationships have been forged.“

– Prof. Dr. Sebastian Dullien, project director,
HTW Berlin – University of Applied Sciences

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The DAAD Fact Finding Missions programme

The aim of the Fact Finding Missions programme is to prepare a long-term, contractually regulated cooperative venture at the level of university faculties, institutes and departments. It involves scholarships for **German academic staff delegations** undertaking fact finding missions on which they meet potential cooperation partners in other countries. The maximum funding for such a mission (which can take up to 14 days) is EUR 15,000, while reciprocal missions as well as missions to several neighbouring countries may receive up to EUR 20,000 and can take up to 21 days.

The programme is open to all subject areas. German universities are eligible to apply.

Further details are available at
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Local fishermen in the Gulf of Guinea: children separating fish from plastic waste. Relatively little fish and a lot of waste.

Project of the University of Oldenburg with Ghana, Tanzania and Mozambique

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Subject-Related Partnerships with Universities in Developing Countries

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The programme

The programme, which receives funds from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, focuses on the formation of structures at the partner university. It strengthens capacities for education and further training and promotes sustainable development by improving and modernising teaching content at the foreign university. Sustainable structures are created by setting up networks between German universities and their partner institutions and also through South-South networking between international universities. The project targets universities in Germany and developing countries.

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Programme objectives

- Degree programmes will be offered by partner universities in a way that suits the local context and reflects current scientific knowledge.
- German universities will acquire expertise in development cooperation.
- Development-related, subject-specific networks will be set up between the participating universities and institutions.

An example: "Biotechnology in Ukrainian Mining"

Project between TU Bergakademie Freiberg and the National Mining University in Dnipropetrovsk

Project objectives

- To jointly develop modules in biotechnology for the mining industry
- To integrate modules into the curricula of Bachelor's and Master's courses in environmental sciences, mining and geology
- To ensure long-term cooperation with the Ukrainian partner university through joint Master's theses



Measures

- Courses, seminars and laboratory courses
- Networking activities (workshops and conferences)
- Field research

"In view of today's difficult political and economic situation in Ukraine, the programme provides an excellent opportunity for the National Mining University (NMU) in Dnipro to integrate modern environment-friendly mining technologies into academic teaching."

– Prof. Dr. Hermann Heilmeyer,
Institute for Biosciences, TU Bergakademie Freiberg

Joint activities of project partners

- Developing, revising and acquiring relevant teaching and learning materials, consumables, small-scale equipment, etc.
- Events
- Further education and training
- Project-specific visits

Linguistic field research in Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Project: "Language in its Cultural Context" – the University of Bielefeld together with the Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny



Funding

- German universities at the level of institutes, faculties and departments as well as academic research institutions in partnership with at least one university in a developing country are eligible to apply. Applications for collaborative projects are welcome if headed by a German university. Applicants and cooperation partners must be active university lecturers.
- Maximum funding (through deficit financing): EUR 200,000 per project (up to EUR 280,000 per project if a cooperative venture is multilateral) with a maximum funding period of four years.
- Funding includes grants to cover mobility expenses (travel and living expenses) as well as material and HR expenses of the universities.