International Study and Training Partnerships (ISAP)  www.daad.de/isap

Applicants

German universities and German universities of applied sciences

Goal

Increasing internationality by enhancing mobility, funded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)

Partner countries

All countries outside the ERASMUS area (as other EU mobility programmes work to achieve similar goals)

Duration of funding

Funding for new projects is generally granted for two academic years. After the successful completion of 2+2 funding years, the programme can grant follow-up funding for another 4 academic years (e.g. 2+2+4+4 etc. does not have to be continuous).

Funding

- for German students: monthly full scholarship, one-time country-specific mobility scholarship, fixed insurance cover, tuition fees if applicable (of up to 50% of the regular rate)
- for foreign students from developing and emerging countries: monthly allowance (400 €) and one-time country-specific travel expense allowance
- for German and foreign university instructors: allowances for short guest lectureships
- for German university instructors: travel expenses to the partner institution for coordination meetings
- funding for language courses and/or tutorial materials for the purpose of supporting foreign students and preparing German students in Germany
- for alumni support measures
- for digital elements for preparation and follow-up measures, and support services for foreign study visits

To initiate ISAP projects, German applicants may apply for a special grant to offset travel expenses for preparatory meetings.

Application details

Call for applications once a year in June, the submission deadline is mid October. Applications have to be submitted via the DAAD online portal (https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal) by the German institution.

Selection criteria

In addition to fulfilling the abovementioned goals of the programme and the formal prerequisites, especially:
- academic quality and reputation of the foreign partner university
- quality of the curriculum
- credit transfer must be ensured
- added academic, interdisciplinary and intercultural benefit of the degree programme
- reciprocity of the student exchange