



Leaflet on application for grants towards the costs of alumni events

Context of the programme

Thanks to their studies or research work at a German or foreign higher education institution, the alumni of the DAAD are a very well qualified group of persons who often hold key positions in science, politics, economics, and culture. Networking and life-long learning significantly contribute to the fact that the alumni act as experts, decision-makers, and partners of the DAAD, promote international scientific cooperation and are in a position to contribute to solving global challenges.

The 180–250 subsidised topical alumni events held each year reach about 15,000– 17,000 persons annually. The DAAD's alumni concept is resulting in some new impulses for the programme: subsidies can be granted for bi- and multi-lateral alumni events that bring together different alumni groups and include German alumni, for example North- South or regional events. The DAAD is particularly interested in supporting events that contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Networking and activities beyond the scope of the event are particularly welcome.

What are the programme objectives?

The objective is to support the topical exchange and the networking and cooperation both among the alumni and with scientific, political, social, cultural, and economic institutions, to extend and actively involve the alumni's competences for solving global challenges, to promote the relationship of alumni with the DAAD and Germany, and to support the sharing of experiences with the next generations of scholarship holders.

Who can apply?

DAAD alumni, registered DAAD alumni clubs or DAAD alumni associations are eligible to apply.

The alumni event must be scientific or topical in nature.

The event must usually involve a large number (at least 50%) of DAAD alumni.

What are the prerequisites for receiving a grant?

The DAAD defines DAAD alumni as individuals who have verifiably received at least three months of individual funding from the DAAD.

Selection

The DAAD decides on applications based on how well the planned event serves the purpose of the programme. Do not miss the chance of explaining convincingly why your event deserves to be supported and how it fits into the programme. The speakers should be selected with care, especially when they are travelling from abroad. The DAAD is looking for result-oriented and interactive formats and events that contribute to solving global challenges. Long-term networking and activities beyond the event are particularly welcome. DAAD alumni should contribute actively, if possible also as speakers. Regional or bilateral events that bring together different alumni groups and include German alumni are welcome, if they are well-founded. The decision also depends on the availability of the DAAD's budgetary resources and on the length of time since the last alumni event with a similar group of participants was sponsored in the respective country.

What can be funded?

The following types of events can be supported:

- Events that promote the scientific/topical exchange and networking of alumni.



- Seminars contributing to the specialist or professional continuing education of alumni.
- Seminars in which DAAD alumni pass on their knowledge as trainers.
- Contributions by alumni that serve the preparation of scholarship holders.
- Seminars for alumni returning to their home country.

The following can be funded:

Travel and accommodation:

- Speakers' travel and accommodation costs
- DAAD alumni travel and accommodation costs

Travel costs will be calculated in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (BRKG); usually public transport and air travel (economy). Taxi journeys require special justification.

Material resources, in particular:

- Printing and materials
- Hall rent
- Technical equipment (rent only)
- Communication costs
- Thematic/professional excursions
- Fees for external speakers (no university staff and no DAAD alumni)

Eligible are only expenditures that are **necessary and appropriate** to implement the measure. Voluntary expenses, for example for gifts and tips, are not eligible. The funds can only be used to finance expenses that were included in the financial plan and approved by the DAAD. All income and expenses related to the grant purpose must be proven by receipts.

Personal contributions by participants and/or financial contributions by third parties are key criteria in deciding the financial support to be provided by the DAAD.

The maximum subsidy amount is EUR 12,000 per event.

Which subject areas are eligible for funding?

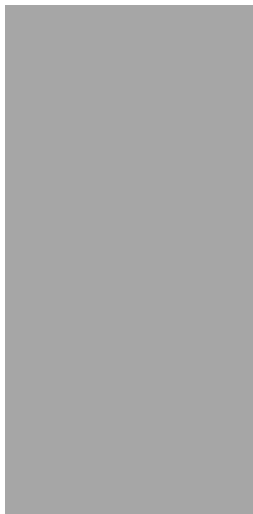
The programme is open to all subject areas.

Application procedure

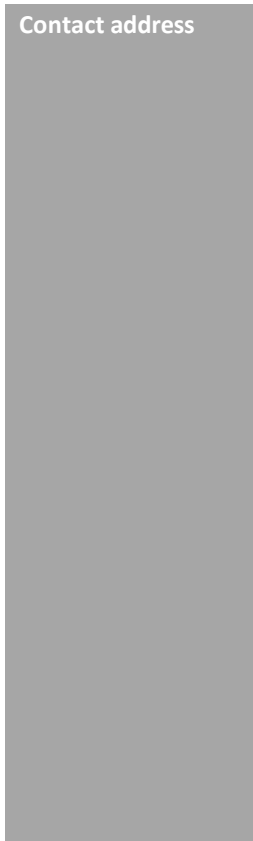
Application deadline: Applications are to be submitted by **January 30, 2026** to the email address mentioned below.

Relevant application documents:

1. Fully completed **application form**



2. Fully completed financial plan (Annex 1)
3. Project description: Starting situation, content, objectives and target group of the event
4. Event programme
5. List of prospective participants with mention of DAAD alumni



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