



Indo-German Partnerships in Higher Education (IGP)

A joint programme

by the University Grants Commission (UGC)

and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

What are the objectives of the programme?

By launching this new funding programme the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany aim to intensify cooperation between Indian and German Institutions of Higher Education.

Through this programme, the universities / institutions will get an opportunity to develop joint research projects and upgrade graduate programs in order to enhance their strategies of internationalization.

In contrast to partnerships exclusively managed by individual departments, the IGP programme encourages more intensive partnerships at the institutional level.

The programme should contribute to the internationalization of the participating institutions through

- intensive partnerships at the institutional level
- development and implementation of innovative teaching and research profiles
- exchange of master students, doctoral students, post-docs, faculty and institutional managers or employees looking after the international relations of the institution
- tie up with third parties from the industry and academia for collaboration.

Who are the funding bodies?

The programme is jointly funded by the Indian Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

The University Grants Commission (UGC) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) are the implementing agencies for this programme.

The application, selection procedures and the financial support for the Indian universities are organized and managed by the UGC, for the German Universities by DAAD.

Who can apply?

In India, all public institutions that are eligible to receive development grants from the UGC, and all MHRD funded institutions may apply.



In Germany, eligible applicants include all state and state-recognized German higher education institutions.

What can be funded?

Measures that can be funded are

- Measures aimed at the development of the internationalization strategies of the participating universities
- Measures to develop and implement new teaching and research profiles
- Work meetings, workshops, summer and winter schools, conference participation
- Study, teaching and research stays up to 2 semesters.

The following are also eligible for funding

- Staff at the German university to coordinate the actions
- Miscellaneous (non-research) related additional costs at home and abroad, which are necessary in connection with the funded measures
- Mobility of master students, doctoral students, postdocs, faculty and university managers.

The funding period is max. 4 years.

Funding will start from July 1, 2016.

The total annual funding per institution is max. 100,000 Euros for the German Institution and approx. INR 70 lakhs for the Indian Institutions.

Funding to the Indian institution will be provided by the UGC, and funding to the German institution will be provided by DAAD.

The implementation of preparatory trips and coordination meetings are possible on immediate application (applicable only for the German applicant).

Which disciplines can be funded?

The programme is open to all disciplines.

Which target groups are funded?

Master Students, doctoral students, postdocs and faculty from German and Indian universities within the framework of cooperation projects as well as those who are in charge for internationalization in their respective institutions (eg. representatives of the International Offices).

Which framework conditions should be met?

A bilateral cooperation agreement between the German and the Indian partner institution specifying the scope of collaboration between the partners should be submitted along with the



application. Partner institutions must in principle agree on a mutual tuition fee waiver.

A concrete and precise partnership project jointly worked out and agreed on by both the partners should be submitted with the application clearly mentioning the aim to be achieved.

The application has to be made by the German as well as the Indian Institution.

Following documents need to be submitted with the application:

- Application form
- A significant description of the planned activity
- Financial plan
- Time and action plan
- Copy of the cooperation agreement
- A signed approval of the project application from the head of Institution.

For German applicant:

The application from the German institution is made by the responsible project leader via the DAAD online portal <https://portal.daad.de>. There, application form and financial plan are provided.

For Indian applicant:

Application from the Indian partner institutions is to be submitted to the University Grants Commission (UGC). Application form, financial plan and formats of other documents are available on the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. The applicant needs to fill in the relevant documents and send the scanned copies of the same to ugcic2@gmail.com. Hardcopies also need to be sent to: The Section Officer, IC Section, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002.

Only those applications will be considered, which are complete in all respect and have been submitted to the respective organisations on time.

Applications are only be considered when parallel applications are received by UGC from the Indian side and by DAAD from the German side. The concrete measures and costs to be taken by the German and the Indian side should be clearly specified in both applications.

Application deadline

Deadline is **1. March 2016**

What are the selection criteria?

Proposals will be evaluated by independent selection committees of experts both in Germany as well as in India. After independent evaluation of the proposals, the ranked/graded lists of proposals will be exchanged between the UGC and DAAD. Proposals to be funded will be finalized by the UGC DAAD joint committee on the



basis of the higher correlation of grades. The joint committee meeting to finalize the process will take place in April 2016.

Selection criteria for the feasibility of the measures are

- The scientific quality of the project
- The innovative content of the teaching and research profile
- Structural sustainability
- Reasonable funding and action plans
- The financial balance on both sides
- Compliance with the program's objectives

The allocation of the funds will be made as per the funding regulations / laws of the respective country.

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Enclosures

- Guidelines
- Time and action plan format
- Approval from the Institutional management



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