

Information Sheet on Application for Grants towards the Costs of Alumni Events

Context of the programme

Thanks to their studies or research at German or foreign higher education institutions, the alumni of the DAAD are a highly qualified group of persons who often hold key positions in science, politics, economics, society, and culture. Networking and life-long learning significantly contribute to the alumni acting as experts, decision-makers, and partners of the DAAD, promoting international scientific cooperation, supporting future leaders, and contributing to meeting global challenges.

The 200–300 thematic alumni events subsidised each year reach about 15,000–17,000 persons annually. This offer will be continued for alumni from all over the world. Based on the DAAD's new alumni concept the following opportunities are added to the programme: subsidies can also be granted for bi- and multi-lateral alumni events that bring together different alumni groups and/or 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 event are particularly welcome.

What are the programme objectives?

The objective is to support the thematic exchange and the networking and cooperation both among the alumni and with scientific, political, social, cultural, and economic institutions, to extend and actively contribute the alumni's competences for meeting 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 German and foreign alumni clubs or alumni networks, DAAD regional offices, IC-Lektors, Lektors, and German foreign representations are all eligible to apply.

German higher education institutions are not eligible for application in this programme. They can submit an application to the Alumni Programme for German universities: www.daad.de/alumni-programm.

What are the prerequisites for granting of subsidies?

The alumni event must be scientific or thematic in nature. No subsidies are granted for purely social meetings. The event must involve a large number (about 50% or more) of DAAD alumni.

Persons who have received an individual DAAD scholarship for at least three months are considered DAAD alumni.

What can be funded?

The following types of events can be supported:

- Events that promote the scientific/thematic exchange and networking of alumni.
- Seminars contributing to the specialist or professional training of alumni.
- Events that serve to support German scholarship holders abroad or foreign scholarship holders in Germany.
- Contributions by alumni to the preparation of scholarship holders.
- Seminars for returning alumni.

The following can be funded:

- Speakers' travel and accommodation costs
- DAAD alumni's travel and accommodation costs
- Subsidies towards general event costs

Whenever possible, the participants themselves should contribute financially.

The maximum subsidy amount is EUR 25,000.00 per event.

The programme is open to all disciplines.

Which subject areas are eligible for funding?

Application procedure

Application deadline: Applications can be submitted throughout the year, but should be submitted no later than three months before the beginning of the event whenever possible.

Relevant application documents:

1. Fully completed application form
2. Project description: Starting situation, content, objectives and target group of the event
3. Event programme
4. List of prospective participants with indication of DAAD alumni
5. For events that take place abroad , a written statement by the responsible DAAD external network (DAAD regional office, DAAD Information Centre, DAAD Lektor), the German foreign representation (embassy, consulate general), or the management of the respective Goethe-Institute must be obtained.

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