



International Funding Programmes

The German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina has been actively cooperating with a number of African partners on a variety of projects with the aim of furthering and strengthening the German-African scientific exchange. Joint projects include, for example, bilateral symposia and the Leopoldina's three-year cooperation project with the Network of African Science Academies (NASAC), funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research. For further information on Leopoldina's collaboration with African partners, please see our Website: <http://www.leopoldina.org/en/international-issues/>.

Moreover, the Leopoldina has compiled a list of information, which may serve as a point of reference to anyone interested in funding possibilities available for German-African collaboration projects. This collection is also designed to offer African scientists a brief and concise overview regarding Africa-related funding possibilities available in Germany and the European Union (EU). For further information and contact details, please click on the link provided for each programme and you will be forwarded directly to the homepage of the funding institution offering the respective programme.

German Funding Institutions:

Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation:

- Overview: <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/programmes.html>
- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/alexander-von-humboldt-professorship.html>
- Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/fraunhofer-bessel-award.html>
- Georg Forster Research Award
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-award.html>
- Georg Forster Forschungsstipendium
<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-stipendium.html>
- International Climate Protection Fellowship
<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/icf.html>
- Max Planck-Humboldt-Research Award
<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/max-planck-humboldt-research-award.html>
- Research Group Linkage Programme
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/research-group-linkage-programme.html>

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):

- Research in Germany
<https://www.daad.de/landingpages/de/34057-webseite-research-in-germany-land-of-ideas/>
- Scholarship Database
<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/>
- Sur Place Scholarships
<https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/entwicklungszusammenarbeit/foerderprogramme/hochschul/en/infos/en/43969-in-country-in-region-programme-in-developing-countries/>
- Helmut Schmidt-programme (Public Policy and Good Governance, PPGG)
<https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/entwicklungszusammenarbeit/foerderprogramme/hochschulen/infos/en/43837-helmut-schmidt-programme-public-policy-and-good-governance-ppgg/>
- Bicultural Regional Postgraduate Courses for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
<https://www.daad.de/der-daad/unsere-aufgaben/entwicklungszusammenarbeit/foerderprogramme/hochschulen/infos/en/43822-bicultural-regional-postgraduate-courses-for-the-middle-east-and-north-africa/>

German Research Foundation (DFG):

- Cooperation with Developing Countries
https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/international_cooperation/developing_countries/index.html
- Cooperation with Africa
https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/international_cooperation/international_funding/countries_regions/cooperation_africa/index.html
- Africa Initiative
https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/international_cooperation/international_funding/countries_regions/cooperation_africa/research_africa/index.html

Fraunhofer Gesellschaft:

- Fraunhofer Attract
<https://www.fraunhofer.de/en/jobs-and-career/seasoned-professionals/fraunhofer-attract.html>

Helmholtz Association:

- Helmholtz Postdoc Programme
http://www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talent/science/postdocs/
- Helmholtz Young Investigators Groups
https://www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talent/science/helmholtz_young_investigator_groups/
- Program oriented funding
https://www.helmholtz.de/en/research/program_oriented_funding/
- International Helmholtz Research Schools
https://www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talent/science/phd_candidates/helmholtz_research_schools/
- Helmholtz Graduate Schools
https://www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talent/science/phd_candidates/helmholtz_graduate_schools/

Max-Planck-Gesellschaft:

- International Max Planck Research Schools
<https://www.mpg.de/en/imprs>

Volkswagen Foundation:

Important: The Foundation does NOT allocate funds for individual scholarships, i.e. general undergraduate or postgraduate studies! More information on exclusion criteria:

<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance>

- Cooperation with Africa
<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance/knowledge-for-tomorrow-%E2%80%93-cooperative-research-projects-in-sub-saharan-africa>

European Funding Programmes:

- ERC Grants
<https://erc.europa.eu/funding-schemes>
- European Science Foundation (ESF)
<http://www.esf.org/scientific-support/research-grant-evaluation/>
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
<https://www.nks-msc.de/en/index.php>

Global Funding:

The World Academy of Sciences (twas):

- Funding opportunities
<https://twas.org/opportunities>

African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions (ANSTI):

- Fellowships and grants
<http://www.ansti.org/index.php/fellowships>
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/science-technology/sti-policy/regional-focus/regional-networks/ansti/>

Further Information:

German Government's Africa Strategy:

- Germany and Africa: A Strategy Paper by the German Government. (2011)
https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/International/Afrika-Konzept-EN.pdf;jsessionid=6CA3D676189ECCD805DD404B1AC8E66C.2_cid385?_blob=publicationFile
- Africa Strategy of the Federal Ministry of Education and Science (2018)
<https://www.bmbf.de/publikationen/?E=30928>
- Federal Ministry of Health: International Cooperation; Global Health Policy
<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/international.html>
- Shaping global health. Taking joint action embracing responsibility
The Federal Government's Strategy Paper
https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/5_Publikationen/Gesundheit/Broschueren/Screen_Globale_Gesundheitspolitik_engl.pdf

EU research funding for Africa-related projects:

- The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership: 2 Unions, 1 Vision (2013)
https://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/sites/default/files/documents/jaes_en.pdf

Global

Science and Sub-Saharan Africa in general:

- SciDev.Net
<http://www.scidev.net/sub-saharan-africa/>
- The Africa Portal
<http://www.africaportal.org/>

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