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/.

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/](https://www.daad.de/landingpages/de/34057-webseite-research-in-germany-land-of-ideas/)

- Scholarship Database

- Sur Place Scholarships

- Helmut Schmidt-programme (Public Policy and Good Governance, PPGG)

- Bicultural Regional Postgraduate Courses for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA))

German Research Foundation (DFG):

- Cooperation with Developing Countries
  [https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/international_cooperation/developing_countries/index.html](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](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](https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/international_cooperation/international_funding/countries_regions/cooperation_africa/research_africa/index.html)
Fraunhofer Gesellschaft:

- Fraunhofer Attract

Helmholtz Association:

- Helmholtz Postdoc Programme
  http://www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talent/science/postdocs/

- Helmholtz Young Investigator 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
European Funding Programmes:

- ERC Grants
  https://erc.europa.eu/funding-schemes

- European Science Foundation (ESF)
  http://www.esf.org/grant-evaluation/research-grant-evaluation/

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

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

Further Information:

German Government’s Africa Strategy:

- Germany and Africa: A Strategy Paper by the German Government. (2011)

  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
EU research funding for Africa-related projects:

- The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership: 2 Unions, 1 Vision (2013)

Global

Science and Sub-Saharan Africa in general:

- SciDev.Net
  https://www.scidev.net/sub-saharan-africa/

- The Africa Portal
  https://www.africaportal.org/

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