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: https://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/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes
- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship
  https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/alexander-von-humboldt-professorship.html
- Capes-Humboldt Research Fellowship
- Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
- Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award
  https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/fraunhofer-bessel-award.html
- Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award
- Georg Forster Research Award
  https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/georg-forster-research-award

- Georg Forster Research Fellowship

- German Chancellor Fellowship

- German Research Chair at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Senegal

- Henriette Herz Scouting Programme

- International Climate Protection Fellowship

- Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award
  http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/max-planck-humboldt-research-award.html

- Philipp Schwartz Initiative

- 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/en/

- Scholarship Database
  https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/
German Research Foundation (DFG):

- Cooperation with Developing Countries
  https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/international_cooperation/developing_countries/index.html

- Funding in an international Context
  https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/international_cooperation/funding/index.html

- Programmes with Africa
  https://www.dfg.de/dfg_profil/internationale_zusammenarbeit/internationales_handeln/afrika_nahost/index.html

- TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme
  https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-dfg-cooperation-visits-programme

- German-African Cooperation Projects in Infectiology

Fraunhofer Gesellschaft:

- Fraunhofer Attract

Helmholtz Association:

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

- Program-Oriented Funding

- Young Investigator Groups
  https://www.helmholtz.de/en/career/careers-at-helmholtz/helmholtz-young-investigator-groups/

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

- Knowledge for Tomorrow - Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa

European Funding Programmes:

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

- European Science Foundation (ESF)

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
  https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/

- Africa-EU-Partnership
  https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/africa-eu-partnership

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:


- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Africa-politics Guidelines
  https://maputo.diplo.de/mz-de/themen/politik/leitlinien
  https://dserver.bundestag.de/btd/19/087/1908765.pdf

- Federal Ministry of Health: International Cooperation; Global Health Hub
  https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/en/international/international-cooperation/ghhg.html

- International Office of the Federal Ministry of Education and Science
  https://www.internationales-buero.de/en/bilateral_cooperation.php

EU Research Funding for Africa-related projects:

- EU-Africa cooperation in research and innovation
  https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/strategy-2020-2024/europe-world/international-cooperation/eu-africa-cooperation_en

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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