

About the DFG



The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation, DFG) is the central, independent research funding organisation in Germany. It serves all branches of science and the humanities by funding research projects at universities and other research institutions.

The DFG promotes excellence by selecting the best research projects on a competitive basis and facilitating national and international collaboration among researchers. Its mandate also includes encouraging the advancement and training of early career researchers, promoting gender equality in the German scientific and academic communities, providing scientific policy advice, and fostering relations between the research community and society.

The DFG has a current annual budget of € 3.3 billion, provided primarily by the German federal government (69 percent) and the states (30 percent), but also including EU funds and private donations.

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DFG-initiative UDIF-HAW

**Networking for Research –
German Universities of
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The initiative aims at bringing together potential cooperation partners from universities worldwide with researchers at German Universities of Applied Sciences¹.



GOAL: NETWORKING RESEARCH

The DFG organises topic-specific matchmaking formats (virtual conferences, workshops, delegation trips) in order to support the development of joint research projects and generate funding proposals to the DFG.

¹ For further information on this type of university please see the attached one-pager

UDIF-HAW Matchmaking Activities

2025	tba
2024	SCOTLAND <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Health and Environment
2023	NORTH AMERICA <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Transformation of the Energy Sector in the Wake of Climate Change▶ Health Care and Social Medicine throughout the Life Course▶ Secure Digitalisation of Industrial Engineering▶ Smart Cities▶ Innovative Materials – from Synthesis to Application
2022	JORDAN <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Water Nexus Research – Challenges and Strategies for a Sustainable Future

International cooperation

The DFG supports international cooperation in all its funding programmes. In order to facilitate transnational research cooperation, it maintains relations with a large number of foreign partner organisations.

DFG representation abroad:

- ▶ DFG Office India
- ▶ DFG Office Japan
- ▶ DFG Office in Latin America
- ▶ DFG Office in North America
- ▶ The Sino-German Center in China

Funding in an international context

Researchers at a German institution can submit funding proposals with researchers in any country at any time, in any subject area and with no limitation as to the specific topic. As a rule, the DFG funds the part of the project that is located in Germany. Complementary financing of the foreign part of the project can be provided by the partner or another funding organisation, the respective university or a non-university institution or an alternative funding source. In the case of research collaborations with countries or regions in which funds for basic research are limited, proposals may also include funding for the foreign part of the project.

Selection of funding opportunities in an international context:

- ▶ Funding line “Initiation of international collaboration”
- ▶ Integration of international researchers in an existing German project in the framework of the Research Grant Programme
- ▶ Proposals with international partners involving co-financing
- ▶ In certain countries, the DFG has agreements with various partner organisations for the joint funding of research projects.

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Matchmaking
Events