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Call for Applications 2012/2013 - PPP TRF- DAAD Research Based Mobility Scheme

Agreement

The TRF - DAAD Research Based Mobility Scheme is a bilateral research funding programme that was agreed between the DAAD and the Thailand Research Fund (TRF) in 2007.

Who are the sponsors?

The DAAD receives the funding to run the programme from the budget of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). On the Thai side, the programme is funded by the Thailand Research Fund (TRF).

What are the programme's goals?

The programme aims to intensify cooperation between Thai and German research groups who work together on a specific scientific project. The TRF - DAAD Research Based Mobility Scheme funds mobility in this respect. It also attaches particular importance to the in-service training and specialisation of young researchers.

Which target groups are funded?

Researchers, university teachers, postdoctoral students, doctoral students.

Who is eligible to apply?

On the German side, applications are invited by university teachers, researchers, and post docs from German universities and non-university research institutions who are employed by their institution. If they hold a temporary employment contract, its term must not be shorter than the funding term.

For the Thai side, principal investigators (PIs) who have sufficient RGJ special budgets specifically allocated for international activities under this collaborative research project are eligible to apply.

The programme is open to the following academic disciplines:
Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural Sciences and Forestry, Environmental Sciences, Medicine, Biosciences, Health and Nutritional Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Theoretical Computer Sciences and Informatics, Physics, Chemistry, Materials Sciences, Geo Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Political Sciences, Economics.

What application conditions apply?

Applications are open to specific scientific research projects of high quality in which the partners from both countries aim to collaborate and, as far as possible, complement each other. The scientific questions that the two research groups aim to address must extend beyond aspects of a general nature. The project's core funding (human resources and consumables on both sides) must be secured.

The German funding application can only be considered if a parallel application from the Thai cooperation partner has been received by the TRF. In its parallel application, the foreign partner must document its willingness to cooperate by clearly presenting the scientific contribution that it will make to the collaborative project. In this respect, a clear explanation must be given as to which concrete tasks are to be performed by the German and Thai sides respectively.

Applicants from Thailand must already be receiving funding from the RGJ-Ph.D. grant from the TRF.

A maximum of three persons per project and per country can be funded. However, on the Thai side, the RGJ-Ph.D. Program provides funding for its grantees only.

How long is a project funded?

The total funding term for a project is up to 2 years. If the cooperation is to be continued in the 3rd year, a formal application for extension can be made – however, funding for the 3rd year is in all cases subject to the reservation that the DAAD has been provided with the appropriate budgetary resources by the sponsor.

What measures are funded?

Financial resources from the TRF - DAAD Research Based Mobility Scheme may be used to fund travel and subsistence costs that arise in the course of the project-related collaboration. Applications submitted in this programme assume that own or external funds are used, except for mobility funds. Short-term stays by researchers and doctoral students are eligible for funding. The maximum funding term for researchers is 1 month per stay, and 2 months per stay for doctoral students.

The DAAD funds the travel costs for the members of the German research group and local hospitality for the members of the Thai research group. The Thai partner pays the travel costs for the members of the Thai research group and local hospitality for the members of the German research group under the available RGJ-Ph.D. budgets allocated for international activities.

The maximum funding requirement per application for the German group per project and year amounts to EUR 10,000.00.

What is not funded?

The following items cannot be funded:

- Projects on the same topic that have already been financed from other sources of German-Thai cooperation in research and technology and that also include staff and student exchange
- Purely training-orientated projects
- Bilateral cooperation that merely represents a part of multilateral cooperation measures financed from other sources
- Language courses
- Individual scholarships
- Project-related additional costs (computer time, consumables, documentation, copying and printing)
- Core costs for workplaces and equipment purchases as well as human resources
- Purely seminar-like courses
- Conference participation.

What are the selection criteria?

The decision as to which applications are to be funded will be made in February 2012 by a binational commission made up of university teachers from various subject areas after a national pre-selection round. The key criteria for selection are:

The quality of the project (in particular, the clarity of the project goals and methodology)

Scientific status of the project (current relevance of the topic and the project's degree of innovation)

Feasibility of the research project (including, in particular: a secure core budget, preparation and appropriate planning of the reciprocal visits)

Project-relevant competence of the two research groups

Complementarity of the research groups in the collaborative project (methodology, content, equipment, etc.)

Appropriate involvement of young researchers

Other criteria for selection are:

Knowledge transfer between the German and the Thai group

Scientific and/or possibly industrial exploitability of the project results

Added value (academic, institutional, general) to be achieved by cooperating with the foreign partner.

What is important when submitting the application?

The general information contained in the funding application form applies. The following must also be considered when completing the Thai side application form. It must be:

Written in English only

Written/copied on one side only

Accompanied by a checklist form to verify the completeness of the application.

Note The Thai side submits the application form to the TRF and the German side submits the application on-line to the DAAD.)

How high are the funding rates?

Category I
Category II

University Teachers, Postdoctoral Researchers
Doctoral Students

Flat-rate travel allowances for German project participants to Thailand

875 €
650 €

Funding rates (flat rates) for stays of Thai project participants in Germany

1-22 days per day
23 days to 1 month (flat rate)
1-22 days per day
23 days to 1 month (flat rate)

82 €
1,840 €
45 €
1,000 €

Funding rates of the TRF for stays by German project participants in Thailand :

Postdoctoral researchers, and university teachers

Baht 2,000 per day for stays of up to 22 days plus Baht 2,500 per day for accommodation

Baht 100,000 per month for stays of more than 22 days (includes accommodation)

Doctoral students

Baht 1,200 per day for stays of up to 22 days plus Baht 2,500 per day for accommodation

Baht 70,000 per month for stays of more than 22 days (includes accommodation)

If the statutory conditions or the actual calculation rates change significantly, the DAAD reserves the right to amend the above-specified funding rates and/or payment formalities.

What rules apply to follow-up or multiple applications?

Follow-up application (i.e. a renewed application) under the TRF-DAAD Research Based Mobility Scheme are possible. Multiple applications for simultaneously planned funding in various PPPs with various countries are also possible.

When is the application deadline?

The application deadline for new and extension applications for the 3rd project year is **01 December 2011**.

On the German side, the DAAD Date of Receipt Stamp applies.

When does the funding begin?

Funding from the DAAD will begin on **1 June 2012**.

Where is the application submitted?

Applications from the German side should be made on-line via the DAAD Portal.

From the Thai side 3 copies of the complete set of application papers and relevant documents as shown in the checklist should be submitted

to

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The application forms for applicants from the Thai side can be downloaded from website at <http://rgj.trf.or.th/eng/rgje61.asp> or http://rgj.trf.or.th/thai/rgj51_2_DAAD_MOU.asp

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