



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
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/capes-humboldt-research-fellowship>
- Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/feodor-lynen-research-fellowship>
- Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/fraunhofer-bessel-award.html>
- Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/friedrich-wilhelm-bessel-research-award>

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- Georg Forster Research Award
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/georg-forster-research-award>
 - Georg Forster Research Fellowship
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/georg-forster-research-fellowship>
 - German Chancellor Fellowship
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/german-chancellor-fellowship>
 - German Research Chair at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Senegal
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/german-research-chair-mathematics-and-its-applications-at-aims-senegal>
 - Henriette Herz Scouting Programme
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/henriette-herz-scouting-programme>
 - International Climate Protection Fellowship
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/international-climate-protection-fellowship>
 - Max Planck-Humboldt-Research Award
<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/max-planck-humboldt-research-award.html>
 - Philipp Schwartz Initiative
<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/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/>
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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
https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/announcements_proposals/2021/info_wissenschaft_21_55/index.html

Fraunhofer Gesellschaft:

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

Helmholtz Association:

- Postdoc Programme
http://www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talent/science/postdocs/
- Program-Oriented Funding
<https://www.helmholtz.de/en/about-us/structure-and-governance/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
<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)
<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=86>
- 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:

- Africa Strategy of the Federal Ministry of Education and Science (2018)
<https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/en/international-affairs/worldwide-networking/middle-east-and-africa/the-africa-strategy-of-the-bmbf.html>

https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/de/europa-und-die-welt/vernetzung-weltweit/afrika-und-naher-osten/die-afrika-strategie-des-bmbf/die-afrika-strategie-des-bmbf_node.html
- 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/>