

Funding Opportunities for German-US-American Cooperation and Exchange

1. Exchange of People

Targeted Scientists	USA → Germany	Germany → USA
Undergraduate students	DAAD: RISE Program Research Project of Undergraduates at Host Institution Funding Period: 1.5 - 3 months Start: 15. May - 30. June 2008 Deadlines: Posting of Project Offers: ~1. Oct. - 30. Nov. Applications: ~ 6. Dec - 31. Jan.	DAAD: PPP Program Funding: <=2 (3) years, <=EUR 7.700 / year, each stay up to several months Deadline: 15 June
Graduate students	International MSc / PhD Programs	MSc / PhD Programs
PhD students	International MSc / PhD Programs	MSc / PhD Programs
PhD students	Bernstein Network/BMBF: Exchange Agreements of Individual Bernstein Centers Funding: exchange stays of various lengths If no funding for exchange agreements exists already at a given Bernstein Center, it can be applied for in the framework of the existing BMBF funding. No deadline	
PhD students and Postdocs < 35 years	AvH: Research Group Linkage Programme Funding: 50,000 € over 3 years, mutual visits, conferences, tec. Deadline: any time (Researchers from abroad must be 'Humboldtians')	
Postdocs shortly after PhD	VW: Fellowships "Computational Sciences" Funding Period: 2-3 years Deadline: 15. August 2008 Contact: Dr. Ulrike Bischler, Phone: +49 (0) 511-83 81 350 E-Mail: bischler@volkswagenstiftung.de	

Postdocs < 4 years after PhD	AvH: Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers Funding Period: 6-24 months Deadline: any time	AvH: Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers (host must be a 'Humboldtian'!) Funding Period: 6-24 months Deadline: any time
Postdocs any stage	DFG: Research fellowship or Temporary positions for Principal Investigators Funding Period: 2 years Deadline: any time	DFG: Research fellowship or Temporary positions for Principal Investigators Funding Period: 2 years Deadline: any time
Postdocs	BMBF: Bernstein Award: Independent Junior Research Group Funding Period: 5 years Deadline: June 2 (2008), probably recurring yearly for a few more times	
Postdocs < 6 years after PhD, PhD with distinction	AvH: Sofja Kovalevskaja Award Funding: up to 1.65 Mio. € (including award winner salary), for a period of 5 years Deadline: probably ~ late summer 2009	
Experienced Researchers /Postdocs: < 12 years after PhD	AvH: Humboldt Research Fellowships for experienced Researchers Funding Period: 6-18 months, may be divided into max. 3 blocks) Deadline: any time	AvH: Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships for experienced Researchers (host must be a 'Humboldtian'!) Funding Period: 6-18 months, may be divided into max. 3 blocks) Deadline: any time
Outstanding Experienced Researchers /Postdocs: < 12 years after PhD	AvH: Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award Or Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award (if host is a Fraunhofer Institute) Funding: 45,000 € for cooperation < 1 year (may be divided into blocks) Deadline: any time, nomination through established academics in Germany	

<p>Eminent researchers at peak of their academic careers, in leading positions (full professors, directors of institutes)</p>	<p>AvH: Humboldt Research Award Funding: 60,000 € for cooperation < 1 year (may be divided into blocks) Deadline: any time, nomination through established academics in Germany</p>	
<p>Experienced Researchers</p>	<p>DFG: Emmy Noether Programme: Independent Junior Research Groups Funding Period: 5-6 years Deadline: any time</p>	
<p>Experienced Researchers / Professorships</p>	<p>VW: Lichtenberg Professorship (W1-W3) Deadline: Nov. 1st</p>	
<p>Professorship</p>	<p>DFG: Mercator Visiting Professorship Program Funding Period: 3-12 months Deadline: >4 months before visit</p>	
<p>Professorship</p>	<p>DFG: Heisenberg Professorship Funding Period: 5 years Deadline: any time</p>	
<p>Professorship</p>	<p>AvH: Alexander von Humboldt Professorship Funding Period: 5 years, 3,5 – 5 Mio € Deadline: June 2, October 2, 2008 (from 2009 onwards: three deadlines / year)</p>	
<p>Experienced Researchers (PhD and above)</p>	<p>DFG: Preparatory / Collaborative Visits Funding Period: <= 3 weeks (preparatory visit) <= 3 months (collaborative visit) Deadline: any time</p>	<p>DFG: Preparatory / Collaborative Visits Funding Period: <= 3 weeks (preparatory visit) <= 3 months (collaborative visit) Deadline: any time</p>

<p>All levels (Undergraduate Student to Professor)</p>		<p>DAAD: PPP Program Funding: <=2 (3) years, <=EUR 7.700 / year, each stay up to several months Deadline: 15 June</p>
<p>All levels</p>	<p>BMBF: Funding: Workshops, conferences, meetings, summer schools, training, project based cooperation in projects that are funded by the BMBF already No deadlines</p>	
<p>All levels</p>	<p>DFG: Funding: Scientific Events and Meetings, Bilateral Events, Participation in International Meetings Deadline: application possible any time</p>	

2. Bilateral Project – based Cooperation

Funding Organization	USA ↔ Germany
NIH-NSF	<p>Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience (CRCNS) Funding Period: 3-5 years Deadlines : Oct. 30, 2008, Oct. 30, 2009 Small number of international collaborative projects possible with the U.S. investigator as the PI www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08514/nsf08514.htm</p>
NIH	<p>Predictive Multiscale Models of the Physiome in Health and Disease (R01) Funding Period: up to five years LOI Receipt Dates: Aug. 15, Dec. 15 2008; Apr. 14, Aug. 17, Dec. 14 2009; Apr 14, Aug 16 2010 Application Receipt Dates: Sept. 15 2008; Jan 14, May 14, Sept. 15 2009; Jan. 14, May 14, Sept. 15 2010 http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-023.html Small number of international collaborative projects possible with the U.S. investigator as the PI</p>
DFG	<p>Individual Research Grants (“Normalverfahren”): Funding Period: normally 3 years Deadline: submission at any time possible small number of bilaterally funded projects, through joint submission at the two funding agencies</p>

3. Coordinated Programmes for International Networking of a Number of Groups

Funding Organization	USA ↔ Germany
DFG	<p>Research Units (“Forschergruppen”): Funding Period: 6 years Deadlines : submission at any time possible Small number of bilateral Research Units possible.</p>
DFG	<p>Priority Programmes (“Schwerpunktprogramme”): Funding Period: 6 years Deadlines: Nov. 15 Small number of bilateral Priority Programmes possible. There may be the possibility to set up a bilateral German-US-American Priority Program in which the DFG funds the German part and NIH / NSF fund the American part upon initiative of the scientists proposing the priority program.</p>
DFG	<p>Transregional Collaborative Research Centers (“SFBs”): Funding Period: 12 years (3 x 4) Deadline: submission at any time possible Small number, more regional focus!</p>
DFG	<p>International Research Training Groups (“Internationale Graduiertenkollegs”) Funding Period: 9 years (3 x 3) Deadline: submission at any time possible</p>

4. Contacts/Websites:

German Institutions:

Institution	Abbreviation	Website	General Contact Person (e-mail)
German Academic Exchange Service	DAAD	www.daad.de	
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German Research Foundation	DFG	www.dfg.de	Dr. Jan Kunze (jan.kunze@dfg.de)
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