Programme and Application Requirements - AAS-DFG

The AAS-DFG Agreement allows the provision of funding for the following scientific activities:

1. **Study visits**
2. **Exploratory missions**
3. **Joint bilateral seminars and workshops**

For all of the above categories financial support is restricted to travel and living expenses. The sending organisation will be responsible for funding study visits and exploratory missions. Funding issues regarding joint seminars and workshops will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

1. Study visits are designed to enable interested scientists to develop co-operative activities in the hosting country. Scientists supported in this scheme need to be at least at postdoctoral or equivalent level. The duration of such visits is limited to six weeks. Applications of Australian scientists for preparatory visits have to be submitted to the ASS (*deadlines apply!*), while German scientists are requested to forward their applications to the DFG.

2. Exploratory Missions may assist senior scientists and officials to explore opportunities for joint ventures and scientific collaboration.

3. Bilateral seminars, held in either country, can be sponsored along the same line of financial support outlined above. Applications forwarded to the DFG need to be submitted by the German coordinator who will be responsible for managing the financial transactions with participants. The proposal must be of high scientific standard and will be reviewed by DFG referees. It should contain the following information:
   - A short outline of the scientific knowledge in the area concerned
   - A detailed justification for the seminar as well as a description of the scientific goals
   - A list of proposed German and Australian participants providing details about their institutional address and their scientific contributions to the meeting
   - Scientific programme
   - Estimate of the required financial resources on the basis of cost effective arrangements and discount airfares
   - Bank account details for all financial transfers

Processing of applications will require three to four months.