

Supplementary Instructions

for Projects Involving Cooperation with Developing Countries

Please base your proposal on the Proposal Preparation Instructions - Project Proposals.

http://www.dfg.de/formulare/54_01/

In addition, please note the information contained below regarding collaboration with a partner from a developing country.

1. Objective (Ziel)

The DFG funds research projects conducted by researchers from Germany in collaboration with researchers from developing countries. The goal is to promote cooperation between researchers from Germany and from developing countries within the context of ambitious research projects.

2. Requirements (Voraussetzungen)

Project partners in developing countries may be funded directly with a DFG research grant if the contribution of the collaborating partner in the developing country is essential to the

project, provided this partner is insufficiently funded and unable to obtain money from a funding organisation in his/her own country.¹

The proposal must include a statement by the partner, affirming that he/she and/or the partner organisation is unable to provide local funding, and that it is therefore necessary for the DFG to support the project.

The DFG's standard quality criteria apply. In addition, the research capacity and scientific performance of the participating researchers in the relevant countries should be enhanced.

3. Areas of applicability (Geltungsbereich)

A list of the geographic areas to which these supplementary instructions apply can be downloaded via the following link. Please note that this list is available in German only.

http://www.dfg.de/foerderung/programme/internationales/entwicklungslaender/formulare_merkblaetter/index.html

4. Preparation (Vorbereitung)

As early as during the preparation phase of a cooperation project, the DFG's International Affairs Division should be contacted to discuss whether the project is likely to meet the basic requirements for DFG research grants.

http://www.dfg.de/en/dfg_profile/head_office/structure/

Funding for preparatory trips that are necessary to plan the project may be requested.

http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/international_cooperation/initiation_international_collaboration/index.html

¹ The applicant must demonstrate that this prerequisite is met. The DFG assumes that the requirement will usually be met in the countries that are included in the DAC list. In some of these countries, however, partner organisations typically provide funds for co-financing the partner side. Therefore, the DFG can fund project partners in these countries only if the partner organisation in the respective country does not provide funding for the project due to budgetary constraints.

5. Collaborating partner (Kooperationspartner)

The partner in Germany requests all funding for the project to be carried out with the cooperation partner. Although the DFG awards the complete funding to the applicant in Germany, please also list the cooperating partners in developing countries under „Applicants“.

Please include a section „Description of previous and proposed collaboration“ under section 2.5 „Other information“ in your project description.

The proposal must include the collaborating partner’s CV and list of his/her ten most important publications. Please note the information contained in part C of the instructions.

6. Summary (Zusammenfassung)

The proposal must be summarised both in German **and** in English.

7. Cost categories (Kostenarten)

In section 4 of your project description, please list separately the funds requested for the institution in Germany and those requested for the collaborating partner/institution in the developing country.

- Personnel

Funding for staff employed by the collaborating partners in the developing country may be requested on the basis of customary local rates.

- Scientific instrumentation

Funding for equipment to be used by the collaboration partner in the developing country can be requested for self-procurement.

Unless otherwise specified for a particular case, purchased instruments become the property of the collaborating partner’s country or of the supporting institution in the foreign country. They should be inventoried according to local regulations and marked as “funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft”.

- Consumables and commodities

Non-consumable commodities purchased or produced with DFG funding become the property of the collaboration partner's country or of the supporting institution in the foreign country and should be inventoried according to local regulations.

8. Provision of approved grants (Mittelbereitstellung im Bewilligungsfall)

The DFG provides the funds to the grant recipient in Germany using its usual procedure. The recipient in Germany is solely responsible to the DFG for project implementation according to plan and for proper use of the funds.