



Direction

des **relations internationales**

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FINANCING POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

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Summary

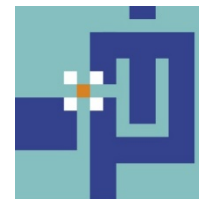
This short presentation aims to:

- Provide an overview of **some funding opportunities** available for early-career researchers
 - Organizing workshops or scientific events
 - Scholarships



Calls for research projects

- UFA / DFG
- ERASMUS + BIP
- DAAD
- PROCOPE / PROCOPE +
- HORIZON EUROPE



Franco-German University (FGU)

The mission of the FGU is to:

- **Strengthen Franco-German** cooperation in the fields of higher education and research
- Promote **events for junior researchers** (PhD students and post-docs)
- Foster **networking** and Franco-German and international scientific di

Two types of fundings :

- Scientific events for junior researchers (workshops, summer schools)
- Preparatory meetings



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Scientific events for junior researchers

Types of events :

- Research workshops
- Summer or winter schools
- Forums for exchanging ideas on joint research topics

Useful links :

<https://www.dfh-ufa.org/en/information-for/phd-students-researchers-post-docs/scientific-events-for-junior-researchers>



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Scientific events for junior researchers (workshops, summer schools)

Calls for Applications

3 times a year (March / June / October)

- **General Call:** Open to all disciplines
- **Specific Calls:** two open calls

Eligibility Criteria

- Clear Franco-German orientation
- Target junior researchers
- Open to French and German universities and research institutes
- Possibility to integrate a third country with mobility su



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Scientific events for junior researchers (workshops, summer schools)

Event Details

Duration: 2 days to 4 weeks

Budget : Between 2,000 € and 14,000 €

Use of Funds

- Event organization
- Travel and subsistence expenses
- Speakers' fees (exceptional cases)
- Short-term contracts for assistants
- Communication costs
- Reimbursement of participants' travel expenses



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Preparatory meetings

Permanent call for projects

Requests must be submitted **1 month** before the start of the event.

Financing: **€2,500 max.**



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Objectives :

- Facilitate the **preparation of new projects** involving study programs and/or research cooperation.
- Preparation of **concrete projects**, such as double degrees, doctoral training programs or scientific events (research workshops, summer schools).
- Program open to all disciplines and themes

This support instrument is not designed to **finance workshops**, but to help plan Franco-Ge projects

<https://www.dfh-ufa.org/fr/vous-etes/etablisements/appels-a-projets/rencontres-preparatoires>

The Blended Intensive

DEVELOPING SHORT-TERM HYBRID MOBILITY

- Involves 3 higher education institutions from **3 countries Erasmus+ program**
- For physical mobility from **5 to 30 days**
- **Virtual mobility** with no time limit, before, during or after physical mobility
- **Minimum** number of participants: **20** (excluding participants from the organizing country)

Other countries: Can participate in BIP as **associate partners** but are not counted among the 20 required participants and must carry out their physical mobility using their own funds.

- Open to **all**: students, teacher-researchers, researchers, administrative and technical staff
- Must include a majority of **training** activities
- It can be based on an existing training program or be a completely new training program, but must in any case contain **added value** (pedagogical innovation, new teaching perspective, etc.).
- 3 ECTS minimum awarded to each student

Erasmus + program countries: 27 European Union countries + Iceland; Lichtenstein; Norway; Northern Macedonia; Serbia; Turkey

PROCOPE – Franco-German Hubert Curien Partnership

 **Purpose** : Support **joint research projects** 🇫🇷/🇩🇪

 **Eligible applicants:**

FR: research labs, higher education institutions, companies

DE: universities, non-university research centers

 **Key requirements:**

A **joint research project** is mandatory

Not a PhD scholarship

Involvement of **young researchers** (PhD / postdocs)

Links to **Horizon Europe** encouraged

Open to **all disciplines**, incl. social sciences & interdisciplinary projects

Useful links : <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/procope>

 **Funding:**

Each country covers **travel & stay** for its own participants

Duration: **2 years**

Application:

Online co-submission required


FR: campusfrance.org/procope

DE: DAAD portal

Usual deadline: **June**



PROCOPE+ – Franco-German Bilateral Support for Scientific Events

 **Purpose :** Strengthen existing Franco-German collaborations by supporting:

- Scientific events
- Expert meetings
- Structured cooperation & large-scale collaborative project planning

Inclusion of **other European partners** is encouraged
Open to **all scientific disciplines**

Events must take place in **France or Germany**

 **Funding:** ~€6,000 per team

 **Application window: October–January**

For events held between **June and May** of the following year

Application process:

FR team applies to the **French Embassy in Germany**

DE team applies to the **DAAD**



DAAD

- Research Grants in Germany
 - Research Grants from Germany
 - DAAD Lecture Trips Program
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- Useful link :
 - <https://www.daad-france.fr/fr/trouver-un-financement/base-de-donnees-de-bourses/>

DAAD Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates

Research Grants from Germany

Purpose

Support for **research stays abroad** during a PhD in Germany.

Who Can Apply

PhD candidates enrolled at a German university (including universities of applied sciences with PhD rights).

Also open to **international PhD students** in Germany.

Some restrictions apply for certain disciplines (e.g. medicine, arts) and other scholarship holders (e.g. foundations already funding mobility).

What's Funded

- Research stays abroad (1 to 12 months, up to 18 months total during PhD).
- **Monthly stipend (country-specific rate).**
- Travel allowance.
- Insurance package (health, accident, liability).
- **€102/month for research** and conference costs.
- Optional extras: tuition fee support, language course grant, family allowances, disability-related support.

https://www.daad-france.fr/fr/trouver-un-financement/base-de-donnees-de-bourses/?type=d&q=&status=0&subject=0&onlydaad=1&detail_to_show=0&target=26&origin=26&pg=1&tab=&detail

Conditions

Stay can be **split over time and countries**, but must be well justified (no tourism disguised as research hopping).

Two grants allowed per PhD, with at least 6 months between them.

Application must include a **solid research plan** and host confirmation.

DAAD

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

Purpose

The research grant offers the opportunity to realise a research project in Germany.

The programme supports research stays during a doctorate or in the early postdoc phase (max 4 years).

Who Can Apply

- PhD candidates at a non-German university
- Postdocs (up to 4 years after completing PhD)
- Research must be agreed with a German supervisor and hosted by a recognized institution in Germany

What's Funded

A research stay of:

- 2–12 months for PhD candidates
- 2–6 months for postdocs
- No split stays or projects in multiple countries allowed — one stay, in Germany only

Selection :

16.02.2026 : Selection takes place in April 2026

Start of funding from August 2026

What You Get

- €1,300/month
- Insurance coverage
- Travel allowance
- €460 research allowance (only for stays >6 months)
- Optional extras (for stays >6 months):
 - Rent subsidy
 - Family allowance
 - German language courses (online, in Germany, or reimbursement for tests like TestDaF/DSH)
 - Green Mobility Top-Up or CO₂ offset reimbursement
 - Disability-related support (case-by-case)

Conditions: Duration of the funding

- Funding is provided for a period of:
doctoral students: 2 to 12 months
postdocs: 2 to 6 months

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=4&origin=26&subjectGrps=&daad=1&intention=&q=forschung&page=1&detail=57742121>

DAAD

📌 DAAD Lecture Trips Program

🎯 Purpose

To support German researchers giving lectures abroad — but outside of conferences and congresses. Think: by invitation only, not mass gatherings.

👤 Who Can Apply

Doctoral researchers and PhD holders affiliated with German institutions.

Your host must be an academic peer or institution **abroad**.

Not intended for regular conference attendance — this is *VIP by-invitation-only science roadshow*.

📌 What's Funded

Travel to deliver a lecture abroad, classified into 4 distance-based funding categories:

Short trip (≤600 km): Eco-friendly transport only (train/bus), no flights!

Mid-range (601–3,700 km): Any transport; green bonus for sustainable travel or 50% refund of CO₂ offset if you fly.

Long-range (≥3,701 km): Flights allowed (limited funding). CO₂ offset refund available.

Online lectures: Not eligible in this program line.

💶 What You Get

Fixed travel allowance based on distance.

Green Mobility Top-Up: Extra €50+ each way if you go green.

50% refund on CO₂ offset costs (if voluntarily paid).

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HORIZON EUROPE – MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Horizon Europe: EU Framework Programme for R&I (2021–2027), based on 4 pillars:

- **Excellent Science**
- Global challenges & industrial competitiveness
- Innovative Europe
- Widening participation & strengthening the ERA



🎓 **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships** (Pillar 1 – Excellence Science)

- Promote **international, intersectoral & interdisciplinary mobil**
- Open to **all research & innovation domains**
- Support **individual research projects** (12–24 months)

Host institution must be in an **EU Member State** (e.g., France or Germany)

📌 **Eligibility criteria:**

PhD awarded by the **call deadline**

< **8 years** of research experience post-PhD

Must **not have resided** in the host country > **12 months in the last 3 years**

💰 **Funding:** Lump-sum (unit cost) support for living, mobility, research costs, etc.

🌱 **Objective:** Career development & new skills acquisition through mobility

OTHER CALLS

- EPICUR
- EUCOR

EPICUR – European University

EPICUR aims to **advance research and innovation across borders** and disciplines, empowering early career researchers ([ECRs](#)) to collaborate internationally, tackle societal challenges, and build skills for diverse career paths.

9 universities:

- University of Strasbourg (UNISTRA)
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)
- University of Southern Denmark (SDU)
- University of Amsterdam (UvA)
- Adam Mickiewicz University (AMU)
- University of Haute-Alsace (UHA)
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
- BOKU University (BOKU)
- Albert Ludwigs University of Freiburg (UFR)



Funding :

- EPICUR **Seed Funding Scheme**

<https://epicur.edu.eu/research/>

EPICUR Seed Funding Scheme

Purpose of the grant:

- Support **early-stage joint research projects**
- Enable **proofs of concept**, pilot studies
- Foster **new collaborations** among EPICUR universities

Project duration:

- Up to **12 months**, starting **December 2025**
- Possible **extension** (up to 12 months) with justification

Who can apply?

Researchers affiliated with one of the **EPICUR partner institutions**



EPICUR Seed Funding Scheme

What can be funded?

Examples of eligible activities:

- Scientific activities for **pilot studies**, proofs of concept
- Meetings, **seminars**, **workshops** to initiate collaboration
- **Proposal writing** and preparation for future applications



Awarding of a Seed Funding grant is conditioned on the development of **2 specific outputs**:

- The submission of **an application for a project** financed by a third party (Horizon Europe, Cofund, ...) up to 12 months after the end of the seed funding project.
- A **joint learning activity** that will be offered in the framework of EPICUR either during the lifetime of the seed funding project or up to 6 months after its end.
 - Must equal at least 6 hours of teaching
 - Can be curricular or co-curricular

EPICUR Seed Funding Scheme

How to apply ?

Consortium requirements:

- At least **2 researchers** from **2 EPICUR countries**
- Preference for 3+ partners from 3+ countries

Budget :

Maximum of **150.000 EUROS**

Eligible costs:

- Travel
- Research equipment
- Time for pilot studies
- Other costs directly related to **building the collaboration**



Each university may have specific rules – contact your local EPICUR contact point for details!

EUCOR SEED MONEY

Goal: Provide **initial financial support** for cross-border projects within Eucor – The European Campus

Focus Areas:

- Teaching
- Research, Innovation & Transfer (includes doctoral training)



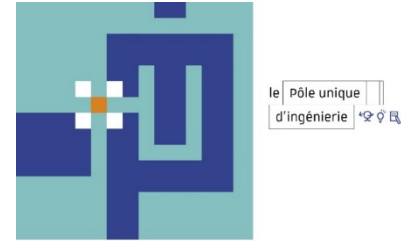
Maximum per project: **€60,000**

Eligibility:

- At least **two Eucor member** universities from **two different countries**
- **No prior funding** from national or international grants for the project

What services can assist me in my

- **International Department of your Institution**
- **Research and Development Department** of your Institution
- University of Strasbourg -- > PUI : pui@unistra.fr



More informations

- UFA / DFG : <https://www.dfh-ufa.org/fr/>
- HORIZON EUROPE :
 - The European Commission's funding and application portal:
 - <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
 - The National Contact Points (NCPs): <https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/les-pcn>
 - The MSCA matchmaking platform: <https://msca.b2match.io/>
- DAAD : <https://www.daad.de/en/>
- EPICUR : <https://epicur.edu.eu/research/epicur-seed-funding-scheme/>

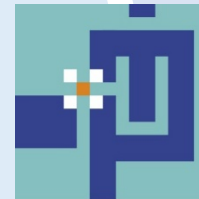
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