



Are you active in an organization and pursuing social, ecological and economical sustainability goals? Would you like to offer young persons who are dedicated to fair and sustainable development a project internship including concrete tasks? From May to August, you can propose project internships for the ASA program 2018.

ASA

is a learning and qualification program dedicated to development education based in Germany. It is aimed at young people who want to understand global interdependencies, who ask critical questions and who want to strengthen a fair world. Mutual learning and responsible social action for sustainable development and fair global interaction are at the heart of the program. The ASA program is part of Engagement Global gGmbH – Service for Development Initiatives and is mostly financed by the German Ministry of Development and Economic Cooperation (BMZ).

ASA stands for sustainable development and global partnership within the ASA program and is aimed at international cooperation and civil society organizations. It is offered in basic, global and GLEN* program formats which differ in terms of project team composition and project internship duration.

Course of the program

In multi-day seminars, participants acquire competencies in dealing with diversity and conflicts as well as methods for group and project work. Participants exchange about their own position within global power structures and reflect on privileges and racism. In three-month project internships in countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and South-Eastern Europe - potentially supplemented with a three-month project internship in Germany - the participants make a specific contribution to your project goals and gain new perspectives on your professional field. They carry out studies and analyses, set up training sessions and workshops and support your public relations work. The participants reflect on their experiences and develop ways to integrate them in their everyday life and in future engagement. During the project, exchange and knowledge transfer flows in both directions with both sides learning from each other.

In the global format, the project proposal is submitted jointly by the partner organizations in Germany and a country in the Global South. Accordingly, the project internship phase in a country of the Global South is preceded by a three-month project internship at an organization in Germany. A joint topic links both practical phases and the learning effect is even more intensive here than in the basic format.

Who are the ASA participants?

The participants in the basic format currently primarily reside in Germany or in a German-speaking community of Belgium. In the global format, the team consists of participants from Germany and the respective country in the Global South. The team goes through both project phases together.

ASA program calendar

15 August 2017

Deadline for proposals for project internships

Mid October 2017

Project selection by the ASA program

20 November 2017 to 10 January 2018.

Publication of selected projects on the ASA website Interested young professionals and students are eligible to apply.

January and February 2018

Selection of participants

March to June 2018

Participants attend at least two seminars in Germany or Europe. Contact between participants and partner organizations.

April to July 2018

Three-month participant project internship in Germany in the global program format.

Between July 2018 and January 2019

Three-month participant project internship in a country in the Global South in both program formats.

February and March 2019

Review of the project phase, exchange regarding future engagement as well as networking.

Why should you become a partner organization of the ASA program?

- As a partner organization, you secure the cooperation of engaged young people who support your projects within the scope of a project internship. The participants will be bringing their experience, impressions and ideas, and will be happy to learn from you at the same time.
- By dealing with global issues with the participants, you are providing important impulses for their future involvement. After their project internship, they get involved in sustainable development and promote understanding of global interdependencies.
- You benefit from the global partner and alumni network of the ASA program.
- Offering a project in partnership with another organization can contribute to an extension and consolidation of your international cooperation. The common project – from proposition to support of the participants – opens up the opportunity of establishing or further developing a project partnership.
- After the conclusion of the project internship you get, if required, a detailed report of the participants as well as an evaluation of results of the implemented project.

Contribution of the ASA program

- If requested, we can advise you on the elaboration and development of your project proposal.
- We call for applicants in Germany, manage the application process, and select engaged participants in a tried-and-tested selection process.
- We support the learning and preparation process of participants through ASA seminars during which participants are supported intensively by tutors: Topics of the seminars include team building, project management, intercultural communication, sensitisation to privilege and racism, global interdependencies and self reflection.
- Participants receive a partial bursary from the ASA program (see financing). Furthermore, the ASA program bears the costs of the ASA seminars as well as a portion of the travel costs to the project internships and ASA seminars. The ASA program includes various insurance policies for the participants.

Your contribution

- You develop the project proposal (together with your partner organization in the global format) - the ASA program is happy to help with this.
- You support the participants with country entrance formalities (e.g. visa application).
- You support the project team professionally and organizationally in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of the project phase in your country. You also provide the necessary material resources. The ASA program is unable to provide any support here – neither financial nor material.

- The following applies additionally for ASA global:

Partner organization in countries in the Global South:

You take on the acquisition and selection of applicants in your country.

Partner organization in Germany:

You take on the acquisition and selection of applicants in your country.

You support the participants from the partner country with entrance to the country (booking flights and applying for visas), provide accommodation, help with the linguistic obstacles of the stay and take on the co-financing of the participants' stay in Germany (see financing).

Financing

Project internship in countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and South-Eastern Europe:

The participants from Germany receive an average partial bursary of €2300 from the ASA program to support the cost of living.

- The following applies additionally for ASA global:

Participants from the partner countries receive an allowance of approx. €150 per month for the project phase in their own country.

Project internship in Germany (in the global format)

In the global format, the ASA program supports the participants from countries of the Global South with 814 euros per month. The participants from Germany are supported with up to 814 euros per month. The ASA funding only represents partial financing of the internship phase in Germany.

Additional costs incl. the cost of flights for participants from the partner countries (total of at least 25 per cent of the costs incurred or at least 814 euros per participant from the partner country) must be borne by the participating partner organizations in Germany.

Examples of ASA projects

- Theatre for strengthening democracy in Georgia
- Football and global learning in Germany and Argentina
- Renewable energies in Germany and Cameroon

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