



Are you working at a university or higher education institution focusing on sustainability issues? Do you want to network and position yourself as a renowned research partner for sustainable development? Would you like to offer young students from Germany, Africa, Asia, Latin America or South Eastern Europe the possibility to support you with your international research projects? Submit project proposals for the 2018 ASA University Cooperation until 15th September 2017!

ASA University Cooperation

The ASA program 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 campaign for a just world. Mutual learning and responsible social action for sustainable development and fair global cooperation are at the core of the program. ASA is a program of Engagement Global gGmbH - Service for Development Initiatives and is funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and several federal states (Bavaria, Baden-Württemberg, Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg, North Rhine-Westphalia and Saxony)

The ASA University Cooperation is part of the ASA program in the field "Innovative research and applied science for sustainability" and is aimed at universities and higher education institutions and their partners from civil society and the economy. For the first time, projects running under the ASA University Cooperation will be offered in the program formats basis and global.

Program cycle

During a three-month project internship in Germany the ASA participants are closely involved in the research activities of the university. The ASA participants then proceed with their research project in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe, where they complete a three-month internship with the local partner organization. In addition, the ASA participants attend multi-day seminars, conducted by ASA. After completing their internships, the participants return to the universities and higher education institutions as 'change agents', report back from their projects by giving presentations, hold lectures, write Bachelor's and Master's theses and, in so doing, contribute their experience and impulses towards education and research.

Project team composition

Basic format

Young people between the ages of 21 and 30, who study in Germany, are eligible to apply for the ASA program. A team of two ASA participants resident in Germany, do both project internships and participate in the ASA seminars together.

Global format

An international team of ASA participants from Germany and the respective partnering country in the Global South participate in both project phases and ASA seminars together. The project team in the global format is made up of two participants from Germany and two from the partnering country, i.e. a total of four ASA participants per project.

ASA programme calendar

May to 15 September 2017

Deadline for submission of project proposals

Mid October 2017

Project selection by the ASA program

20 November 2017 to 10 January 2018.

Selected projects are published on the ASA website. Interested and eligible young professionals and students can apply.

January and February 2018

Selection of participants

April to June 2018

Participants participate in two ASA seminars and one ASApreneurs seminar in Germany. First contact between participants and partner organisations.

April to July 2018

Three-month project internship with the partner organization in Germany.

Between July and December 2018

Three-month project internship with the partner organization in a country in the Global South

January to March 2019

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

Contribution of the ASA program

- If requested, we can advise you on the development and elaboration of your project proposal.
- We call for applicants in Germany, manage the application procedure and select engaged participants in a tried-and-tested selection process.
- We support the learning process of participants through ASA seminars. The participants are supported intensively by tutors and supervised in their learning process: Topics of the seminars include team building, project management, intercultural communication, sensitisation to privilege and racism, global interdependencies and self reflection.
- ASA global: We help the participants from the Global South to obtain visas for 90 day stays.

Contribution of the partner organisations

Basic format

- Together with your partner organizations in Germany and the Global South, you develop project proposals with the support of the ASA program.
- Following the preselection by the ASA program, you select the German participants for project.
- You commit to supervise the ASA participants during both project phases as well as to provide appropriate framework conditions for the project activities.

Global format

- The partner organization in the partnering country calls for adequate applicants and selects the participants in their country.
- The German partner organisation takes over the partial financing and fund management for the internship phase in Germany (see financing).
- The German partner organisation supports the participants from the partner country with travel formalities (booking flights and applying for visas) and with their accommodation in Germany. They provide appropriate framework conditions for the project activities.

Project examples

- Development of a sustainable management concept for rubber production in Thailand and Malaysia
- Sustainable energy supply in a global context in Ethiopia
- Construction through environmental research: Promoting sustainability in the construction industry in Rwanda
- Research on integrated land use by agroforestry systems in the tropics of Costa Rica

Financing/scholarship by the ASA program

Project internship in Germany

All participants receive up to 814 euros per month during the three-month project internship in Germany. The program also covers the costs of health, accident and liability insurance as well as the costs of the seminars for all ASA participants (accommodation, meals, seminar contents).

In the global format, the German partner organization (e.g. university) must co-finance the stay of the participants from the partnering country in Germany. This corresponds to a minimum of 814 euros per participant, which is borne by covering the flight and project costs.

Project internship in the partner countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South Eastern Europe:

During the three-month project phase in the partnering country, participants from Germany receive an average partial scholarship of €2300 from the ASA program, which includes a grant for travel and living costs. Participants from the partnering country receive an allowance of approx. €150 per month for the project phase in their own country. In both cases, the exact amount is dependent on the project country.

“The ASA University Cooperation provides universities with a bespoke development policy upgrade: Through the seminars in the ASA cycle, the practical relevance and the program’s network, universities and their partners receive clear added value that anchors their education and research activities in the context of global sustainable development. Thus enabling synergies and creating new international perspectives.”

- *Christoph Grammer, Baden-Wuerttemberg State Ministry; project partner*

“As an SME that develops models in the field of sustainable tropical agriculture and forestry, applied research is very important. At the same time, our pioneering work in science is an exciting topic of research. The university cooperation helps us to align these interests and to finance research that promotes sustainable economic activity and exhibits direct practical relevance.”

- *Simon Mader, Querdenker GmbH; Project partner*

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