

## **German Egyptian Scientific Projects (GESP)**

### **General Information and Guidelines for Proposals**

With a view to intensifying interaction and scientific cooperation between Egyptian and German Scientists / Institutions, the **Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research in Egypt represented by the Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Germany** jointly extend support for exchange of scientific visits through the jointly funded program **German Egyptian Scientific Projects (GESP)**.

The main goal of this program is to encourage partnerships between both sides and enhance collaboration and technology transfer. The program is open for Egyptian and publicly funded German universities and research institutions.

#### **Aim of the program**

GESP aims at supporting bilateral mobility between Egyptian and German scientific teams with special emphasis on young scientists (Master and PhD students) and within the framework of a jointly submitted research project of a period up to two years.

Faculty members, Scientists and Academics belonging to Universities, and Research Institutes should form a project team headed by a Project Leader. Those having permanent positions in the above mentioned institutions can apply as Project Leaders. Each team **should not exceed five persons**.

#### **Prerequisites**

A precise project proposal for academic / scientific co-operation must be submitted by the Egyptian Project Leader to the STDF [www.stdf.org.eg](http://www.stdf.org.eg) and by the German Project Leader to DAAD Bonn [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de), in the prescribed format available on the websites.

#### **Project duration**

Mutual visits of the academics / scientists should be justified in terms of number, duration, expenses and purpose of visit.

Initially, support for research mobility will be granted for up to two years, based on the successful implementation of the project, an extension for a third year might be approved upon the submission of a formal application. After the third year, no further extension is allowed.

#### **Eligibility / Project participants and Research areas**

For the German and Egyptian sides this program will be applicable to higher education and research institutions and organizations. Applicants from both sides should be affiliated at any of the above mentioned entities.

While the responsibility of the research project would remain at the German and Egyptian entities respectively, the financial responsibility of the program would remain at the DAAD and STDF for the German and Egyptian sides respectively.

In order to qualify for such funding, Project Leaders are required to have a concrete and sound research proposal in one of the following areas:

- Biotechnology
- Medicine
- Water
- Renewable Energy
- Material Sciences
- Social Sciences – Humanities

Other areas are generally possible, but **priority** will be given to the areas mentioned above.

The following types of proposals **shall not be** considered:

- Already existing collaborative projects where travel and living expenses are financed by some other source
- Purely individual visits / training program(s)
- Organisation of Seminars / Workshops or participation in a Conference / Congress.

**The applicants are encouraged to use visual facilities in order to minimize the number of visits conducted.**

## Funding

Grants will be offered only towards travel and living costs within the framework of a well-defined and approved research project. The sending side will bear the travel cost (including overseas medical insurance) between the place of work of the scientists/students in their own country and the place of work in the host country. Living and accommodation expenses of the participants will be provided also by the sending side, in accordance with a predefined scale that is approved by the steering committee.

It is expected that primary financing for the collaborative research project, including personnel costs, is already available or will be available to both sides from other sources.

Project-related incidental costs (for example, bench fees, staff or running costs, costs for computer time, materials purchases, documentation, photocopying, printing, internal travel, consumables or other expenses) shall not be covered under this program, as is the case for costs related to purchase of equipment, infrastructure, workspaces and office machine etc.

Grants will not be provided for study purposes or for attending conferences, workshops, meetings etc.

**The total funding requested from the Egyptian and the German side respectively must not exceed 10.000 EURO per project per year and it will be distributed as follows:**

### **For Egyptian Scientists:**

#### ***For senior and post- doctoral scientists:***

- Up to **1840 EURO** per month or **82 EURO** per day (if the stay is for less than 21 days) will be paid for living and accommodation expenses.
- **700 EURO** will be granted as travel allowance.

#### ***For junior scientists (Master and PhD candidates):***

- Up to **1035 EURO** per month or **41 EURO** per day (if the stay is less than 21 days) will be paid for living and accommodation expenses.
- **525 EURO** will be granted as travel allowance.

## **Monitoring**

The German and Egyptian Project Leader will submit an annual progress report to the STDF or DAAD respectively, on the activities carried out in the project as well as the corresponding financial report after at most two months from the end of the mobility funding period. Egyptian research team members will also be required to submit a trip report after each visit conducted. Funding for the following year depends on the timely submission of these reports.

## **Application procedure**

Proposals in a **prescribed format** are to be submitted simultaneously by the Egyptian Project Leader to the STDF (please refer to [www.stdf.org.eg](http://www.stdf.org.eg) where the application is submitted online) and by the German Project Leader to the DAAD, Bonn (please see DAAD announcement at [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de) ). Only **applications submitted by both Project Leaders with all necessary documents will be considered**. Applications will be evaluated by an independent bi-national selection committee on the basis of scientific merit, need for co-operation and the composition of project teams. Final decision will be approved by the bi-national Steering Committee of the GESP program.

**The online application is available on the [www.stdf.org.eg](http://www.stdf.org.eg).**

**Deadline for submission is on 30.09.2010.**

Applications received after the deadline will not be entertained in any case.