

MIUR-DAAD Joint Mobility Program

Promoting international mobility of researchers

What are the program's aims?

The MIUR-DAAD Joint Mobility Program (JMP) supports joint bi-national research projects of high academic standard aimed to strengthen academic relations among Italian and German institutions and to promote cooperative research activities.

- For Italy, the JMP is funded by the Ministry for Education, University and Research (MIUR).
- For Germany, the JMP is part of the wider PPP programmes of the DAAD (www.daad.de/ppp).

The provided project funding is intended to cover mobility costs for German and Italian participants arising from the research projects, and in particular to sustain young academics mobility.

Joint research teams may include: full and associated professors, researchers, graduates (second cycle degree holder – “Laurea Magistrale”), doctoral candidates, PhD holders and post-doc.

For the purposes of this Program, junior scientists are intended as those currently in the last year of their doctorate, and academics at the outset of their academic careers who completed their doctorate no more than five years ago.

Who can apply?

Eligible to apply are Italian and German universities and higher education institutions, including the Art&Music Institutions (AFAM sector).

For Italy, only full and associated professors (either from Universities and AFAM) and researchers, can apply as Project Coordinator.

Only for ISIA institutes, all categories of professors are eligible to apply, subject to the mandatory rule of an endorsement letter signed by the director of their Institute (see **Appendix 6**).

What is financed?

Sponsorship measures:

The Program provides **funding allowances** only for stays (**mobility costs**) in the partner country arising during the project-based collaboration.

Mobility costs of the Italian members of the joint research-team will be covered by MIUR; mobility costs of the German members of the same joint research-team will be covered by DAAD.

The allowance covers all expenditures within the scope of mobility and the stay. Eligible for funding are short-term stays of academics (up to 30 days) and junior scientists (up to 50 days).

The funding allowances set at the time of the call for applications, apply for the entire project period.

Costs NOT covered by the JMP:

- Joint projects already financed on the same items;
- Training projects;
- Language courses;
- Personal fellowships;
- Additional costs of the project, as equipment, tools, documents, printing, copies, staff costs, etc.;
- Organization of seminars or conferences;
- Participation in conferences.



Funding period

The project will be financed initially for a first year, on the basis of the available financial resources. At the end of the first year the project will be financially assessed in order to allow the possible second year's activity.

Second year will be granted only on the basis of a specific/formal request and anyhow after the positive financial assessment of the concluded first year activities.

Funding can be extended for further years up to a maximum duration of 4 years, with a financial and contents assessment at the end of any extension year and given to the financial endowment.

Any negative financial assessment at the conclusion of a year-project is reason of exclusion.

Which disciplines are eligible for funding?

The programme is open to all disciplines. Participants must clearly indicate in the application the main scientific area and the specific disciplines concerned.

Which target groups can be financed?

Full and associated professors, researchers, graduates (second cycle degree holder – “Laurea Magistrale”), doctoral candidates, PhD holders and post-doc of Italian higher education institutions (Universities and Afam Institutes).

Which basic conditions should be met?

Any application must present a specific academic research project of high quality, on which the partners from Germany and Italy intend to work together in an ideally complementary manner.

Proposals involving research into general scientific fields of interest to both research groups are not sufficient. Basic financing of the project (personnel and material expenses on both sides) must be ensured by the involved institutions.

Both the Italian and the German coordinators must submit their mirroring applications for their project. Applications submitted by only one side will be excluded from the selection procedure. Applications must be submitted only in English language, see templates in **Appendix 2**.

Submitting an application

In order to apply, the project coordinator must complete: the **application web form**. In addition, the following **attachments** must be uploaded:

- Comprehensive project description = form “Details of the Project” (**see template in Appendix 2**)
- Short academic profile / CV of the Italian coordinator (up to two pages)
- Short academic profile / CV of the German coordinator (up to two pages)
- Project-relevant list of publications by the Italian applicant in the last five years;
- Project-relevant list of publications by the German applicant in the last five years (up to two pages)
- Brief CVs of further confirmed project participants at the time of application, if applicable (up to two pages)
- Declaration of compliance with good scientific practice (**see Appendix 4**)
- Financial plan (**see Appendix 5**)
- Endorsement letter for “ISIA” institutes (**see Appendix 6**)

Applications must be **completed** and submitted **within the deadline**:

- for Italian coordinators: via the portal <https://mobilityprogram.miur.it>
- for German coordinators: via the DAAD online portal (<https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>).

To ensure smooth processing of your application documents, please ensure to



upload only PDF files (converted if necessary).

**Application
deadline**

Applications must be submitted within 12.00 am (CET) of 31st July 2017 via the portal <https://mobilityprogram.miur.it> - MIUR will grant the funding not earlier than 1st April 2018.

**What are the
selection
criteria?**

A commission of experts in various disciplines will determine whether funding is awarded. Key selection criteria include:

- The quality of the project (clarity of the project aims and methodology);
- Academic value of the project (relevance and degree of innovation);
- Feasibility of the research project (including in particular: basic financial security, preliminary work and appropriate planning of reciprocal visits);
- Project-relevant competence of both research groups;
- Complementarity of research groups in the joint project (regarding methodology, content, instruments etc.);
- Appropriate involvement of junior scientists.

Further criteria include:

- Knowledge transfer between the German and the Italian groups;
- Academic and potential industrial usability of project outcome;
- Added value (subject-related, institutional. Interdisciplinary) through cooperation with the German partner.

**Contacts and
further
information**

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**Appendices to
the call for
applications**

- 1) Short presentation of the Program (in Italian language)
- 2) Form: "Details of the Project" (in English language)
- 3) Calculating Sheet to assess the anticipated financial needs
(*"Tabella rimborso forfettario"*)
- 4) Declaration of compliance with good scientific practice (in Italian language (*"Dichiarazione buona condotta scientifica"*))
- 5) Financial plan (*"Piano economico"*)
- 6) Endorsement letter (*"Lettera di supporto"*, only for "ISIA" institutes)