

## **Internal Call for Applications: Innovation Saskatchewan Top-Up Funding for Eligible DAAD Programs and Germany-USask Partnership Building Activities**

### **Introduction**

The Government of Saskatchewan's innovation agency and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) committed to supporting joint efforts to promote the international exchange of students and researchers and research and academic collaboration between the Saskatchewan and German universities and research institutions.

Through this initiative, the **Stream 1** top-up funding is offered to the students and faculty at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) who have been successful in obtaining financing through one of the eligible DAAD programs listed in Appendix A to cover/reimburse costs associated with DAAD program, but not covered by the award.

**Stream 2** of the funding may be applied toward joint initiatives with German partners, that do not require a successful DAAD program application. Eligible activities may include mutual delegation visits, alumni events, and other similar activities that will support increased engagement between the USask and German research community.

### **Eligibility**

#### **Eligible expenses include:**

- Travel related expenses: airfare from Germany to/from SK; reasonable accommodation costs; meal per diems; ground transportation
- Research related expenses: direct costs; materials and supplies; project specific space rental; use of specialized equipment.
- Event related expenses: venue rental costs; catering (alcohol excluded); printing of signage or other similar materials

Detailed instructions on eligible expenses are outlined in Appendix B.

The related activities covered by top-up funding must be completed by January 20, 2026, and project leads are required to submit an outcome and financial report with supporting documentation (copies of receipts, invoices etc.) to the International Office at [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) no later than February 1, 2026.

### **Priority Areas**

The **priority areas** defined by Innovation Saskatchewan apply to both students and faculty and include:

1. **Health** (e.g., One Health)
2. **Synchrotron sciences**
3. **Digital technologies, industry, and space** (e.g., quantum computing, artificial intelligence)
4. **Food security, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture, and environment/climate change**
5. **Energy** (including nuclear, renewable, and alternative energy sources)

**Important dates:**

Competition open date – April 10, 2025

Competition close date – October 1, 2025 or until the funding is exhausted

**Application and supporting documents** provided to the International Office at [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) with subject line **DAAD-IS Top-Up Funding Application:**

**Stream 1**

- Award letter from DAAD;
- Copy of the application package submitted to DAAD;
- Provide the following information in email text:
  - Indicate that this is a Stream 1 application
  - DAAD program name
  - Lead applicant and affiliated unit as well as a list of participating USask team members
  - Relation of the proposed activities to one of the abovementioned priority areas
  - Outcomes to be achieved in relation to participating in the DAAD program
- Top-up funding budget; and
- Budget justification

**Stream 2**

- Provide the following information in email text:
  - Indicate that this is a Stream 2 application
  - Lead applicant and affiliated unit as well as a list of participating USask team members
  - Relation of the proposed activities to one of the abovementioned priority areas
  - Outcomes to be achieved in relation to organizing the partnership engagement activities
- Funding budget; and
- Budget justification

If you have any questions and/or would like to discuss your application with the International Office team, please contact [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) with subject line **DAAD-IS Top-Up Funding Inquiry.**

## **Appendix A: Eligible DAAD programs:**

The DAAD scholarship and funding programs available to Canadians include the following:

### **Study Scholarships – Master Studies for All Academic Disciplines (annually)**

[Study Scholarships - Master Studies for All Academic Disciplines - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst](#)

### **Research Grants in Germany for doctoral students and postdocs (semi-annually)**

[Research Grants in Germany - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst](#)

### **Research Grants – Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Degrees / Cotutelle (annually)**

[Research Grants - Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Degrees / Cotutelle - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst](#)

### **Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists (semi-annually)**

[Scholarship Database - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst](#)

### **RISE Germany – Research Internships in Science and Engineering (annually)**

[RISE Germany - Research Internships in Science and Engineering - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst](#)

### **RISE Professional – Research Internships in Science and Engineering (annually)**

[RISE Professional - Research Internships in Science and Engineering - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst](#)

In addition, DAAD offers various project funding programs for German-Canadian university cooperation, including the following:

### **Bilateral Mobility Program for Research Cooperation (annually)**

[Programme of Project-Related Personal Exchange \(PPP\) with various partner countries - DAAD](#)

*This program aims to intensify research cooperation within the scope of a concrete, joint research project. German universities can apply to facilitate the mobility of graduates and PhD students, as well as postdocs and faculty. Projects may be funded for a maximum of two years, with up to €18,000 per annum.*

*Research stays are funded within the framework of well-defined research proposals necessitating international co-operation. Special emphasis lies on the support of young scholars, i.e. graduate students working on their thesis, PhD and postdoctoral students.- 6 -DAAD grants an allowance to the German participants for travel and residence costs. Primary financing for the co-operative research project, including personnel costs, must be provided by other sources on both sides.*

### **International Study and Training Partnerships (ISAP) (annually)**

[International Study and Training Partnerships \(ISAP\) - DAAD](#)

*Through ISAP, scholarships are given to German students who complete a portion of their degree coursework abroad at a partner university with the added benefit of a tuition waiver or significant tuition reduction. German universities are encouraged to develop courses for foreign exchange students, credit transfer agreements, curriculum collaboration strategies, and/or dual degree structures which will lead to an ongoing and successful internationalization of both partner institutions.*

*Funding is available for travel subsidies, scholarships, insurance and tuition fees (up to 50% of regular fees) for German students; funds for language courses and tutorials for students from Canada or the US, and guest lectureships at partner institutions. Funding for new projects is generally granted for two academic years with an extension possible.*

### **International Integrated programs with joint or double degrees (annually)**

#### **[Integrated International Degree Programmes with Double Degrees - DAAD](#)**

*The aim of the program is to develop and/or establish an integrated international double degree program with one or more foreign partner university/universities. The degree programs are intended to make a sustainable contribution to the establishment and expansion of international structures at German universities and to strengthen the exchange of teachers and learners.*

*The Integrated International Degree Programs with Double Degrees fund degree programs at universities and universities of applied sciences which, after studies completed partly at the German and partly at the foreign higher education institution, award both national degrees, either as a joint degree or as a double degree.*

### **Internationalization of Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS – International) (annually)**

#### **[Internationalisation of Universities of Applied Sciences \(UAS.International\) - DAAD](#)**

*Universities of applied sciences are highly regarded in Germany and around the world, especially for their practical orientation. Many of these universities wish to enhance their international standing even further. To this end, the DAAD is helping students and researchers at German universities of applied sciences carry out study and research visits abroad. It is also supporting universities in their efforts to establish cooperation projects with international partners. The UAS International program enables universities of applied sciences to cultivate contact with foreign institutions and anchor international partnerships within their own institutional infrastructure. The DAAD also provides consultation, continuing education and dialogue programmes to accompanying these measures.*

## **Appendix B: Eligible Expenses**

The following costs are deemed to qualify as Eligible Costs:

**Travel-related expenses:** For German researchers travelling to Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan researchers travelling to Germany:

1. Return economy airfare (from Germany or Saskatchewan). Return airfare for flights that originate in destinations other than Germany or Saskatchewan are not Eligible Costs.
2. Reasonable accommodation costs (hotel, apartment rental or dormitory costs).
3. Meal per diems at the University's usual rate.
4. Ground transportation (i.e., taxi, Uber, car rental, etc.).

**Research-related expenses:**

1. Direct costs (i.e., costs specifically associated with a particular project and that can be directly attributed to the project with a high degree of accuracy).
2. Materials and supplies.
3. Project-specific space rental for off-campus third-party facilities.
4. Use of specialized equipment for which there is a commonly applied charge. The purchase of capital equipment is not an Eligible Cost.

**Event-related expenses:**

1. Venue rental costs.
2. Catering (i.e. food, beverages, servers, etc.). Cost of alcoholic beverages are not Eligible Costs.
3. Printing of signage/programs or similar materials.

**\*Detailed receipts are required for the reimbursement of all expenses.**