



Further information on *ASA Academia basic and global*

Would you like to improve the integration of sustainable development at your university or institution of higher education by implementing specific projects? Are you looking for young students from Germany and a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe to support you with your international sustainability projects? You can submit project proposals for the 2022 ASA Programme until 15 September 2021.

The ASA Programme is a learning and capacity-building programme on development policy, offered by ENGAGEMENT GLOBAL gGmbH - Service for Development Initiatives and implemented on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

To learn more about the ASA Programme please read our “Factsheet on your project proposal: ASA Programme”. In the following paragraphs we would like to acquaint you with the specific features of ASA Academia basic and ASA Academia global instead.

What ASA Academia entails

ASA Academia (formerly ASA-University Cooperation) is offered by the ASA Programme in cooperation with academic education and research institutions. It focuses on innovative research and applied science promoting sustainability. Universities, institutions of higher education and their partners from the scientific community and civil society are invited to propose future projects that can be realised in the *basic* as well as in the *global* format.

The project phase is at the heart of participants' programme cycle. They spend six months working within the project; three months in Germany followed by three months at a partner institution in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe. In the *global* format the participants form an international project team made up of one or two participants each from Germany as well as from the partner country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe.

Following this, they return to universities and institutions of higher education as change agents, organise events, hold lectures, write project-related theses and, in so doing, contribute their experience towards education and research.

Project examples

- Research on sustainable afforestation in Costa Rica's tropical regions
- Renewable energies and the sustainable city in Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam
- Development and introduction of a management study programme in Germany and Senegal

"A tailor-made development policy upgrade: The practical relevance and the programme's network, universities and their partners receive clear added value that anchors their education and research activities in the context of global sustainable development through the seminars in the ASA cycle, thus enabling synergies and creating new international perspectives."

Christoph Grammer, Baden-Wuerttemberg State Ministry (our translation)

Contribution of the ASA Programme

- Upon request, we advise you on how to develop and elaborate your project proposal.
- We advertise the programme to applicants in Germany, manage their application process, and select engaged young participants for your project through a tried and tested process.
- We support the participants' learning and preparation process through seminars and tutorials..
- Participants receive a monthly scholarship to cover their living expenses during the project and insurance coverage from the ASA Programme. Should the participation involve travelling to the partner country, participants also receive travel allowance. Moreover, Engagement Global bears the travel and accommodation expenses incurred in connection to the ASA seminars.

The following applies to *ASA Academia global* only:

- In case trips abroad are possible and, thus, the project will be implemented in presence mode, we, in close cooperation with you, assist participants from the partner countries with the process of obtaining a visa for a 90-day stay in Germany.

Your contribution

- You develop the project proposal jointly with your partner organisation. The ASA Programme will be happy to assist you.
- Following a pre-selection process by the ASA Programme, you select the participants from Germany.
- You support the participants with travel formalities (e.g. visa application) if necessary.
- You support the project team professionally and organisationally in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of the project phase. You also provide the required material resources. The ASA Programme cannot provide any assistance for this, neither financial nor material.

The following additionally applies to *ASA Academia global*:

Partner institutions in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe:

You are responsible for acquiring and selecting applicants in your country. Please note that English is the language used in the seminars. Participants need to prove that their English language skills correspond to the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Partner institutions in Germany:

You support the acquisition and selection of applicants in Germany. In case of project implementation in presence mode you also assist participants from the partner country with travel formalities (e.g. booking of flights, visa application), provide accommodation, support communication during their stay and co-fund the stay of participants in Germany (see “Supplement to the global format of the ASA Programme in 2022”).

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

Simon Mader, Bauminvest AG, ASA project partner

Financing

ASA Academia basic

Project phase at a partner institution based in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe:

When the project takes place in presence mode, participants from Germany receive a partial scholarship from the ASA Programme of a total of 2.150,00Euro¹ on average to cover the living costs in the partner country as well as a travel allowance of 1.102,00Euro² on average.

Should the project take place digitally due to the corona pandemic, the remote collaboration between the participants and you as the partner institution will be also rendered possible with a three-month scholarship amounting to 1.900,00 Euro³ on average.

ASA global

For information on the financing in the global format please refer to “Supplement to the global format of the ASA Programme in 2022”

ASA Academia programme calendar

15 September 2021: Deadline for submitting your project proposal

October 2021: Examination of proposals and project selection by the ASA Programme

Until 15 December 2021: Selection of participants from the partner countries (*global* format only)

1st December 2021 to 20 January 2022: Publication of selected projects on the ASA website; interested and eligible young professionals and students can apply

February 2022: Selection of participants from Germany

April to June 2022: The participants’ seminar phase takes place in Germany.

April to June 2022: Three-month project phase in Germany in the *global* programme format or remotely in case of a digital project implementation

Between July 2022 and December 2022: Three-month project phase in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe in both formats, or remotely in case of a digital project implementation

February/March 2023: RENew seminars invite participants to review the project phase(s), exchange their views about future engagement opportunities **and** find ways to establish networks.

¹ Equals 61 % of the scholarship of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the respective country for students; the amounts are adjusted annually, minor deviations may thus be possible for 2022

² Equals 82 % of the travel cost grant of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the respective country for students; the amounts are adjusted annually, minor deviations may thus be possible for 2022

³ In line with the spending allowance in the Federal Volunteer Service (BFD) as well as with the Social Security Compensation Directive (SvEV, § 2); the amounts are adjusted annually; therefore, minor deviations are possible for 2022

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