



ASA Academia basic & 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 to support you with your international sustainability projects? Would you like to strengthen your cooperation with one of your partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe? Submit your project proposal by 15 September our programme ASA Academia basic or global.

The ASA Programme is an exchange and scholarship programme on development policy for students and young people with vocational training from Germany and countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and South-Eastern Europe. It is offered by Engagement Global gGmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

To learn more about the ASA Programme, please read our fact sheet "[The ASA Program at a Glance](#)". Here, on the other hand, we would like to familiarise you with the special features of ASA Academia basic and global.

The offer: ASA Academia

ASA Academia is a programme offered by Engagement Global in cooperation with science – innovative research in sustainability practice takes centre stage here.

Partner institutions

ASA Academia is aimed at higher education institutes and universities operating in Germany with international projects or partner structures that are committed to sustainability and innovation in research practice. You will work with one or more of your partner institutions in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe to develop your project idea¹.

In addition to the BMZ as main financier, the ASA Programme receives funding from several German federal states. This federal-state cooperation enables institutions from the cooperating federal states to submit ASA projects. If you are not sure whether your federal state is involved in the cooperation, please contact us.

Participants

Eligible to participate are students, people with a Bachelor's degree or young professionals between the ages of 21 and 30 who have completed vocational training.

- In the basic format, one or two participants living in Germany will be involved in your project.
- In the global format, the participants will go through the project phases in an international team. This will be made up of one or two participants each from Germany and the partner country in question.

As change agents and multipliers, the participants will then return to their own university, organise campaigns, give lectures, write project-related Bachelor's and Master's theses and thus contribute their experiences and inspiring ideas to teaching and research.

Project duration

Participants will spend a total of six months between mid-April and December working on sustainable development topics in your project:

- initially three months at your university in Germany,
- followed by three months at your partner institution in the partner country.

Project activities

The participants will contribute to the project objectives, for example in the form of studies, public relations work, the organisation of workshops or the development of a product. This will give the participants an in-depth insight into global connections and development policy issues and enable them to analyse different perspectives on global structures.

¹ The exact list of project countries can be found here: <https://asa.engagement-global.de/projektlaender.html>

Examples of projects

- Supporting a research project to combat infectious diseases in Colombia.
- Decolonising Universities: Participating in approaches to the decolonisation of knowledge production.

Would you like to find out more about ASA Academia? In the [ASA Project Finder](#), you will find all the projects from this year; simply filter by the programme component ASA Academia basic or ASA Academia global.

Seminars

In addition to their project activities, the participants will take part in preparatory and follow-up seminars organised by Engagement Global.

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
- We 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.
- We support the participants with a scholarship for living and travel expenses as well as insurance coverage for the stay abroad.
- We will cover the accommodation costs for all participants and the travel costs for participants from the partner countries (in the global format).
- Applies to ASA Academia global only: Together with you as partner organisation we support the participants from the partner countries to obtain a visa for a 90-day stay in Germany.

Your contribution

- You develop the project proposal jointly with your partner organisation. We 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 (for example 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 following additionally applies to ASA Academia global:

Partner institutions in Germany:

- These will help the participants from the partner country travel to Germany (flight booking and visa application), provide them with accommodation support them with linguistic challenges of their stay and co-finance their stay in Germany (see “Supplement to funding in the global format of the ASA Programme 2025”).

Your partner institution(s) in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe:

- Your partner institution abroad will be responsible for recruiting and selecting applicants in their country. Participants must have English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), as the seminar language is English.

Funding

Engagement Global will pay the following directly to the participants from Germany:

- A six-month bursary totalling 4,872.00 euros² to support living expenses in Germany and the partner country.
- A one-off travel allowance of 500.00 euros (Europe) or 1,000.00 euros (worldwide)³.
- Accommodation costs for the mandatory seminars.

The following also applies to ASA Academia global:

Engagement Global will provide the following for the participants from the partner countries:

- A three-month bursary of 1,683.00 euros to support living expenses in Germany.
- A three-month bursary of between 750.00 and no more than 1,200.00 euros in the partner country.
- A maximum accommodation allowance of 1,080.00 euros in Germany.
- Accommodation and travel costs for the mandatory seminars.

For information on the financing in the global format please refer to “[Supplement to the funding in the global format of the ASA-Programme in 2025](#)”

In accordance with the Vocational Training Assistance Act (BAföG), a financial basis for supporting German students. Fixed amounts for living expenses and meals 452.00 euros per month and for accommodation 360.00 euros per month. A total of 812.00 euros per month. In some project countries, an additional country-specific supplement is paid in accordance with the BAföG Foreign Students' Allowance Ordinance.
In accordance with the Vocational Training Assistance Act (BAföG for short) foreign allowance §4.

ASA Academia programme calendar

- ✓ **15 September 2024:** Deadline for submitting your project proposal
- ✓ **October 2024:** Project selection
- ✓ **December 2024:** Publication of selected projects on the ASA website
- ✓ **Until 15 December 2024:** Selection of participants from the partner countries for the global format
- ✓ **To 20 January 2025:** Interested young professionals and students living in Germany can apply
- ✓ **February 2025:** Selection of participants from Germany
- ✓ **April to June 2025:** Preparation seminar for the participants
- ✓ **Between mid-April to July 2025:** Three-month project phase in Germany
- ✓ **Between July 2025 and December 2025:** Three-month project phase in the partner country
- ✓ **February/March 2026:** Follow-up seminar for all participants

Contact

Do you have any questions or would you like to submit your project proposal? Then please contact us at asa-hochschule@engagement-global.de.

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