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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 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 2024 ASA Programme until 15 September 2023.

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 an offer 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 "[The ASA Program at a Glance](#)". 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 is offered by Engagement Global in cooperation with academic education and research institutions. It focuses on innovative research and applied science promoting sustainability. Until September 15th 2023 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 programme' cycle. The participants 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 doing so, contribute with their experience to education and research.

Project examples

- Research on sustainable afforestation in Costa Rica's tropical regions
- Support a research project to combat infectious diseases in Colombia
- Decolonize Universities: Participate in approaches to decolonize knowledge production

"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 programme Flow, thus enabling synergies and creating new international perspectives."

Christoph Grammer, Baden-Wuerttemberg State Ministry

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.
- We support the participants with a scholarship for living and travel expenses as well as insurance coverage for the stay abroad. Moreover, Engagement Global bears the travel and accommodation expenses incurred in connection to the ASA seminars.
- 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. 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 (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 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 (for example 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 funding in the global format of the ASA-Programme in 2024").

Financing

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, participants from Germany receive a partial scholarship from the ASA Programme of at least a total of 2.436,00 Euro¹ to cover the living costs in the partner country as well as a travel allowance of 500,00 or 1.000,00 Euro².

Should the project take place digitally due to security issues, the online collaboration between the participants and you as the partner institution will be also rendered possible with a three-month scholarship amounting to 2.243,00 Euro³.

¹ According to "Federal Training Assistance Act" (Berufsausbildungsförderungsgesetz: BAföG) financial basis for supporting German students. Flat-rate amounts for living expenses and meals 452,00 Euro per month and for accommodation 360,00 Euro per month. In total, 812,00 Euro per month. In some project countries, a country-specific supplement will be paid additionally according to the BAföG-Auslandszuschlagsverordnung.

² According to "Federal Training Assistance Act" (Berufsausbildungsförderungsgesetz: BAföG), AuslandszuschlagsV §4, cl. 1, a one-time country-specific amount for travel expenses for the trip to the partner country (within Europe 250,00 Euro per way, otherwise 500,00 Euro).

³ According to "Federal Training Assistance Act" (Berufsausbildungsförderungsgesetz: BAföG) financial support to German students. Flat-rate amounts for living expenses and meals 452,00 Euro per month and for accommodation 360,00 Euro per month. A total of 812,00 Euro per month.

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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 2024](#)"

ASA Academia programme calendar

- ✓ **15 September 2023:** Deadline for submitting your project proposal
- ✓ **30 September 2023:** Examination of proposals and project selection by the ASA Programme
- ✓ **Until 15 December 2023:** Selection of participants from the partner countries (global format only)
- ✓ **December 2023 to 20 January 2024:** Publication of selected projects on the ASA website; interested and eligible young professionals and students can apply
- ✓ **January and February 2024:** Selection of participants from Germany
- ✓ **April to June 2024:** The participants' seminar phase takes place in Germany.
- ✓ **Mid-April to June 2024:** Three-month project phase in Germany in the global programme format or remotely in case of a digital project implementation
- ✓ **Between July 2024 and December 2024:** 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 2025:** RENew seminars invite participants to review the project phase(s), exchange their views about future engagement opportunities and find ways to establish networks.

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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