



ASA University Cooperation

Do you want to integrate sustainability at your university or higher education institution and are you looking for feasible projects? Do you want to network and position yourself as a renowned research partner for sustainable development? Would you like young students from Germany, Africa, Asia, Latin America or South Eastern Europe to support you with your international research projects? Submit your project proposal for 2019 ASA University Cooperation until 15th September 2018!

What is the ASA Programme?

The ASA Programme is a learning and capacity-building programme dedicated to development education based in Germany. It is aimed at young people who want to understand global interdependencies, who ask critical questions and who campaign for a just world. Mutual learning and responsible social action for sustainable development and fair global cooperation are at the core of the programme. ASA is a programme of Engagement Global funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and several federal states.

The ASA University Cooperation is part of the ASA Programme in the field *Innovative research and applied science for sustainability* and addresses universities and higher education institutions and their partners in civil society and economy. Projects running under the ASA University Cooperation will be offered in the programme formats **basic** and **global**.

Programme cycle

Participants of ASA University Cooperation will spend half a year in one of the projects you propose, beginning with three months in Germany and thereafter another three months in a partner organization based in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe. In addition, the ASA participants will attend at least three multi-day ASA-seminars, which – among other topics – will deal with global interdependencies, privileges and global learning. After completing their internships, the participants return to their universities and higher education institutions as ‘change agents’, report back from their projects by giving presentations, hold lectures, write subject related Bachelor’s and Master’s theses and, in doing so, contribute to education and research with their experience and impulses..

ASA programme calendar

15 September 2018: Deadline for submission of project proposals

Mid October 2018: Project selection by the ASA Programme

20 November 2018 to 10 January 2019: Selected projects are published on the ASA website. Interested students can apply.

January and February 2019: Selection of participants. You have the possibility to attend the selection of the participants taking place in Berlin. If you can not attend, we will send you a shortlist of 2-5 applications suited to your project.

April to June 2019: Participants participate in up to three ASA seminars in Germany. First contact between participants and partner organisations.

April to July 2019: Three-month project internship in Germany.

Between July 2019 and December 2019: Three-month project internship in project countries based in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe

January to March 2020: Review of the project phase, exchange regarding future engagement as well as networking.

Project team composition

Format basic: Young people aged 21 till 30, who study in Germany, are eligible to apply for the ASA Programme. A team of two ASA participants resident in Germany, go through both project internships and participate in the ASA seminars together.

Format global: An international team of two ASA participants from Germany and two from the respective partner country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe participate in both project phases and ASA seminars together. Participants from project countries are aged between 21 and 35 and are closely linked to respective project partner in partner countries.

Contribution of the ASA Programme

- On request we can give advise on development and elaboration of your project proposal.
- We call for applicants in Germany, manage the application procedure and select participants in a tried-and-tested selection process.
- We support the learning process of participants through ASA seminars. The participants are supported intensively by tutors and supervised in their learning process: Topics of the seminars include team building, project management, intercultural communication, sensitisation towards privilege and racism, global interdependencies and self reflection.
- ASA global: We help participants from partner countries to obtain visas for stays up to 90 days.
- Participants are paid a partly scholarship by ASA (see financing). On top, ASA Programme covers costs for ASA seminars as well as proportionately travel expenses to project internships and ASA seminars. ASA Programme as well concludes insurances for participants.

Your contribution

- Together with your partner organisation you develop project proposals with support of the ASA Programme.
- Following the preselection by ASA Programme, you select German participants for your project.
- You support participants in formalities on entering the country (f.e. applying for visa).
- With regards to content and organisation you support participants during preparation, examination and follow-up of the project phase in your country. For this, you supply them with necessary material resources. In this, ASA Programme can't provide further support – neither financially nor materially.

For global format additionally counts:

- **Partner organisations based in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe:** You are responsible for acquisition and selections of participants in your country.
- **Partner organisations in Germany:** You support acquisition and selection of participants in your federal state. You help participants from partner countries in entering the country (booking flights and visa application), provide accommodation, give support in linguistic accomplishment of the stay and cover the co-financing of the stay for participants from Germany (see financing).

Financing/scholarship by the ASA Programme

Project internship in Germany

All participants from Germany and from partner countries receive up to 822 euros per month during the three-month project internship in Germany. The programme also covers the costs of health, accident and liability insurance as well as the costs of the seminars for all ASA participants (accommodation, meals, seminar contents).

In the global format, the funds given by ASA only constitute a partial financing of the project stay in Germany. Additional costs including the costs for flights for participants from partner countries have to be covered by the participating partner organisation in Germany.

Project internship in the partner countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South Eastern Europe

During the three-month project phase participants from Germany receive an average partial scholarship of 1800 euro from the ASA Programme, which includes a grant for travel and living costs.

For the global format additionally counts: Participants from partner countries receive an expense allowance of approx. 600 euro for the project phase in their own country.

Project examples

- Research on integrated land use by agroforestry systems in the tropics of Costa Rica
- Renewable energies and the sustainable city in Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam
- Designing a prediction model for famines through data analysis operations in Brasil
- Development and implementation of a cooperative degree programme aimed at capacity building in Senegal
- Development of a sustainable management concept for rubber production in Thailand and Malaysia

Feedback and reactions

„The ASA University Cooperation provides universities with a bespoke development policy upgrade: Through the seminars in the ASA cycle, 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. Thus enabling synergies and creating new international perspectives.”

Christoph Grammer, State Ministry Baden-Württemberg

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

Simon Mader, Querdenker Ltd

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