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## ASA Academia basic and global

Do you want to integrate sustainable development more strongly in your university and make it more tangible through concrete projects? Are you looking for students to support you with your international research projects? Do you want to strengthen your cooperation with one of your partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe? Then join the ASA Programme 2027!

Through the ASA Programme, your university together with one of your partners can implement a six-month project in the area of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the support of young people. which is actively shaped by young people. By involving committed and qualified young people in your international project work, you make a concrete contribution to global sustainable development while benefiting from mutual exchange.

**Who can submit a project?** Higher education institutions and universities in Germany with international projects or partner networks that are committed to sustainability and innovation in research practice. You develop your project idea in collaboration with one of your partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe (partner country)<sup>1</sup>.

Applications are currently open to higher education institutions in the following federal states: Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saxony. If your institution is based in another federal state, please get in touch!

<sup>1</sup> The list of eligible countries can be found here: <https://asa.engagement-global.de/en/project-countries>

## Participants for your project

Participants apply to join your project and possess the necessary qualifications to make a valuable contribution. They are students, bachelor's degree graduates or people with vocational training aged between 21 and 30 from Germany, or up to 35 from the partner country. They wish to get involved in development policy and contribute their existing specialist knowledge to your project.

ASA Academia offers two formats for you to choose from:

- **ASA Academia basic:** usually two participants based in Germany.
- **ASA Academia global:** usually two participants based in Germany and two participants based in the partner country.

## Project activities

During the six-month project phase, participants contribute to the objectives of your university. Common project tasks include research work, organising workshops and campaigns, assisting with public relations, or helping to develop a product. Projects are diverse and can cover all areas of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). If you are planning a project targeting children under 18 years old, please contact us in advance.

### Project examples:

- Analysing the effects of air pollution and presenting the findings creatively, Georgia
- Working together against dengue: Improving health sustainably through field research, Nepal
- Researching sustainable technologies for the future: Green hydrogen for all, Namibia

### Project duration: six months

ASA participants carry out their project between April and December:

- First three months at your university in Germany, and
- then three months with your project partner in the partner country.

You can find all this year's projects in [the 2026 project catalogue!](#)

## Your benefits as a project partner

- **Development** of a new project or **further development** of an existing one.
- Expanding your **global visibility** and international project work through fresh ideas and synergies with participants.
- Contributing to **the promotion of global awareness** among young people who remain committed to sustainable development even after their ASA participation.
- Establishing **long-term partnerships** with project partners and access to the ASA network.
- Positioning as a **forward-looking organisation** and an attractive employer.
- **Support for your project** with new ideas and skills from **committed and qualified young people**.

*“Our motivation for this ASA Academia project was to strengthen institutional partnerships in the long term, further develop our academic programme, and enable young people to engage in genuine intercultural and academic exchange between countries. We have benefited greatly from the highly motivated ASA participants. The exchange was explicitly mutual: we have learnt from one another – in academic work, digital teaching innovation, research ethics and project implementation.”*

**Dr Sandra Barteit, Heidelberg Institute of Global Health**

## Your contribution

- You implement your joint project idea in cooperation with your partner.
- Following our pre-selection, you select the participants from Germany.
- You provide the participants with technical and organisational support during the preparation, implementation and follow-up of the project phase. To this end, you also provide the necessary material resources.
- **Global format:** You assist with travel arrangements for participants from your partner country (flight and visa), provide accommodation and contribute to travel and additional accommodation costs during their stay in Germany.
- **Global format:** Your partner abroad is responsible for selecting applicants in their country. Participants must demonstrate a very good command of English<sup>2</sup>, as the seminar language is English.

## Contribution from the ASA programme

- We can advise you on developing your project idea.
- We manage the application process for participants from Germany.
- We support the learning and preparation process of the participants through seminars and tutorials.
- We provide participants with a scholarship and cover insurance costs for the project phase abroad.
- **Global format:** We organise online briefings for all project partners.
- **Global format:** Together with you, we assist participants from partner countries with the visa application process for a 90-day stay in Germany.

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<sup>2</sup> Proven level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

# Funding

There's no financial or material support for the project partners

## Engagement Global pays the participants from Germany:

- A three-month scholarship of €2,565<sup>3</sup> in Germany
- A three-month scholarship of between €1,506 and a maximum of €2,700 in the partner country (depending on the project location)
- A one-off travel allowance of €300 (Europe) or €800 (worldwide)

## Format global: Engagement Global covers the following costs for participants from partner countries:

- A three-month scholarship of €1,425 in Germany
- A three-month accommodation allowance of up to 1,140 euros in Germany
- A three-month scholarship of between €1,506 and a maximum of €2,700 in the partner country (depending on the project location)
- Travel costs to the ASA seminar

## Format global: You cover the following costs for participants from partner countries:

- Flight, visa and local travel costs, as well as additional accommodation costs

For details on funding for Format global, please visit: [Additional financial information global.docx](#)

# ASA Programme Calendar

- ✓ **15 September 2026:** Deadline for submitting your project proposal
- ✓ **October 2026:** Project selection
- ✓ **By 15 December 2026:** Selection of participants from partner countries for **global Format**
- ✓ **1 December 2026 to 20 January 2027:** Young people living in Germany can apply
- ✓ **February 2027:** Selection of participants from Germany
- ✓ **April to June 2027:** Preparatory seminars for all participants
- ✓ **Between mid-April and July 2027:** Three-month project phase in Germany
- ✓ **Between July and December 2027:** Three-month project phase in the partner country
- ✓ **January/February 2028:** Follow-up seminar for participants living in Germany

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<sup>3</sup> According to the German Vocational Training Assistance Act (BAföG in short) the state fund for students in Germany to cover living costs. Fixed amounts for living expenses and meals 475,00 euros per month and for accommodation 380,00 euros per month. A total of 855,00 euros per month.

## Get in touch!

Do you have any questions or would you like to submit your project proposal?  
Then please feel free to contact us at:

[asa-hochschule@engagement-global.de](mailto:asa-hochschule@engagement-global.de) .



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