Visiting Professorships Programme

Financial backer: German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Enrolees: German universities and UASs

Goals: Internationalisation of Germany’s universities and UASs and strengthening the international dimension in teaching (complementing the range of teaching covering aspects such as the depth of subject, the methodology and course content delivered in foreign languages); international learning experience and intercultural skills of German students and encouraging them to study abroad

Partner Countries: All

Faculties: All; visiting professorships for language instructions only are excluded

Maximum funding period:
- Model A (Individual Visiting Professorships): 3 months up to 2 years (initial approval for 1 year)
- Model B (Visiting University Chairs): up to 4 years (initial approval for 2 years)

Selection: Committee of professors

Criteria: contributing to the internationalisation of teaching; curricular gain for the students; the professor’s teaching experience and suitability; the project’s disseminating effect

Financing: By an endowment contract for the German university

Prerequisites:
- Host universities: financial contribution to the visiting professor’s salary, covering a minimum of 10% (Model A) respectively 30% (Model B) of the salary costs; appropriate infrastructure for the visiting professorship; integration of the teaching in required (core) and optional courses (award of study and examination credits); at least 6 (universities) respectively 10 (UASs) semester credit hours of independent teaching per week
- Visiting professors: extensive teaching experience; academic qualification (doctorate respectively a comparable degree); member of a foreign university; foreign citizenship

Funding: Allowances and supplements for the visiting professor’s salary; flat-rate travel allowance (also for spouse and/or underage children if the visiting professorship lasts at least one year); flat-rate mobility allowance for conference participations; allowances for the organisation of conferences that are in direct relation to and held in the course of the visiting professorship