



Group of Eight Australia–Germany Joint Research Co-operation Scheme

Memorandum of Understanding

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

and

The Group of Eight Ltd (Go8)

agree to adapt their MoU of 8 May 2007 to fund
research co-operation between Australia and Germany
through facilitating the exchange of researchers.

For the DAAD:

For the Go8:

Dr Christian Bode

Secretary General

26 March 2010

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Vice-Chancellor, The University of Sydney

26 March 2010

The scheme has the following terms:

1. Aim of the scheme

1.1 The scheme will fund the exchange of academics from both countries who are working on joint research projects.

2. Application and funding eligibility, awards and duration

2.1 In Germany the scheme is aimed at academics from universities, institutes of technology and fachhochschulen*, as well as researchers and research groups from non-university research institutions.

2.2 In Australia the scheme is available to researchers from Go8 universities only.

2.3 Support available through the scheme covers travel and living costs for the participating academics, scholars and graduates during their stay abroad. The basic research costs (staff and equipment) on both sides of the research project are not funded; their financing must be secured from other sources.

2.4 The maximum duration of funding for a joint venture is set at two years. At the time of the initial application funding can be approved for two years, the second year with the prerequisite that the budgets of both sides permit it.

2.5 Each grant recipient will be bound by and protected by the policies of his/her own institution in relation to intellectual property, codes of conduct etc. This applies to both Australian and German researchers.

3. Application and selection procedures

3.1 The funding of exchanges requires the co-operating partners on both sides to submit corresponding applications to their national institution (the Go8 office in Canberra and the DAAD).

3.2 The selection of the eligible applicants takes into account the quality of the project, the qualification of the persons to take part in the

project, the expected benefits to Australia and Germany of the co-operation and the degree of participation of early career researchers.

3.3 Applications will initially be judged by selection committees established by the DAAD and each Go8 university. The Go8 office in Canberra will provide a ranked short-list of preferred applications to the DAAD and recommend the projects it would like to see funded. The DAAD will advise the German selection panel of the outcomes of the Go8 reviews of the applications. If there is disagreement between a Go8 institution and the DAAD about which projects should be funded, this will be resolved by written communication between the DAAD and the Go8 office in Canberra.

3.4 Further procedural or project related issues will be resolved through communication between the Go8 and the DAAD.

4. Scheme budget and attribution of costs

4.1 Each side has responsibility for the travel and living costs of its academics and decides on the amount of funding it will provide.

4.2 The costs of the program will be made available on the Australian side by Go8 universities and on the German side by the German Academic Exchange Service from the resources of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research.

4.3 The DAAD and the Go8 will negotiate the level of funding to be allocated each year to the scheme.

5. Duration

5.1 The new agreement comes into force when it is signed by the contracting parties and will be valid until such time as one of the contracting parties withdraws from the agreement. Written notice twelve months in advance will be required to dissolve the agreement.

5.2 The current MoU valid until 31 December 2010 is hereby abolished.

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The Group of Eight (Go8) is a coalition of Australia's leading research-intensive universities: The Australian National University, The University of Adelaide, The University of Melbourne, Monash University, The University of New South Wales, The University of Queensland, The University of Sydney and The University of Western Australia. www.go8.edu.au

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* Fachhochschulen are higher education institutions in Germany which offer applied and practical courses of study.