

Call for Applications “UP Global Topics – Visiting Lectureship” Program

Under the new internal funding program “UP Global Topics – Visiting Lectureships,” the university management annually grants **financial support** to up to four UP scientists of all subjects who wish to apply for a visiting lectureship in the [DAAD Visiting Lecturer Program “Funding of Foreign Visiting Lecturers for Teaching Activities at German Universities” \(Model I. A - Visiting Lectureships\)](#) in the amount of the faculty’s own share of **10% of the wage costs for a Senior Scientist (W3)**. In addition, **travel expenses** will be covered for the applying lecturers/chairs (short-term mobility to the home university of the visiting lecturers).

To be eligible for the program, the visiting lectureship must meet the following criteria:

- The teaching obligations of six hours per week per semester are carried out in English in the elective or compulsory component of a Bachelor's program.
- The courses offered are to be thematically related to the framework topic “Global Topics” and be concerned with global future topics.

The aim of the program is to build up **English-language modules in the Bachelor's programs with a focus on Global Topics**.

What are Global Topics?

“Global Topics” are one of the strategic fields of action in the current [internationalization strategy of the University of Potsdam](#) (“Internationalization through Global Topics”) and are the framework topic of the “UP Global Topics – Visiting Lectureships.” The goal of this field of action, which is yet to be further developed, is to sensitize the university community to questions of sustainability, knowledge transfer and international cooperation on global future topics (in line with the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)). The designated framework topic is open to all subjects and faculties. The courses offered are to contribute to a global discourse in a broader sense, e.g., by addressing international dimensions and comparisons of a topic, as well as by focusing on the resolution of global problems and the advancement of an international dialog.

Who benefits from the program?

“UP Global Topics - Visiting Lectureships” expand the range of courses in the elective and mandatory components of Bachelor's programs for all students and allow international exchange students in Bachelor's programs to participate in the courses without sufficient knowledge of the German language. Providing offers for international Bachelor's students can in turn lead to the creation of more exchange opportunities for UP students at partner universities.

The program eases the burden on the financial resources of the faculty, because the university management will cover the faculty’s own share of wage payments. This facilitates the recruitment of renowned international visiting lecturers (up to a salary comparable to the W3 salary level). In addition, travel expenses for the applying scholars, which are not included in the DAAD program, are covered.

Application Process “UP Global Topics – Visiting Lectureship” Program

Academics from all disciplines can apply twice a year by November 1 (for the DAAD call in October with a January deadline) and May 1 (for DAAD Call in April with July deadline) for the “UP Global Topics - Visiting Lectureships” program, which provides financial support for up to four lectureships in line with a W3 salary. The program is a **co-financing** option in addition to the regular **DAAD Visiting Lectureship Program “Funding**

of Foreign Visiting Lecturers for Teaching Activities at German Universities” (Model A - Visiting Lectureships).

After submission of the application, the scholars will receive the corresponding funding decision so that the funding approval from the university management can be included in the DAAD application with the January or July deadlines. This effectively means that the overall application process would be a two-step process for the applicants.

The **application should be sent via email (1-2 pages in text format)** directed at Dr. Regina Neum-Flux (regina.neum-flux@uni-potsdam.de).

The following criteria are obligatory or desirable for the internal UP application and should be described in the application:

- The teaching obligations of six hours per week per semester are carried out in the elective or compulsory component of one or several Bachelor's programs.
- The courses offered are thematically related to the framework topic “Global Topics” (see above for description; topic open to all faculties).
- The hosting department provides an appropriate infrastructure for the visiting lectureship.
- Invitations to lecturers from EDUC partner universities (<https://educalliance.eu/>) are encouraged.
- The use of blended learning formats would be desirable.
- If possible, visiting lecturers should also be available for examinations.

If the application is successful, the university management will cover the faculty's own share of up to **10% of the wage costs comparable for a W3 salary** required by the DAAD.

In addition, the University of Potsdam will cover **travel expenses** of the hosting chairs/lecturers for a reciprocal visit (**short-term mobility of up to five days**) to the **home university of the visiting lecturers**. The additional travel funds are intended to support the mutual in-depth study of the respective topic in research and teaching.

Applicants who are successful with the DAAD application are asked to prepare an **extended DAAD report** after the end of the visiting lectureship. In addition to the six questions asked by the DAAD, there is also a question regarding **the extent to which the visiting lectureship could contribute to the development of an interdisciplinary Bachelor's program**.

Link DAAD Visiting Lecturer Program [“Funding of Foreign Visiting Lecturers for Teaching Activities at German Universities” \(Model I.A - Visiting Lectureships\)](#)

Example Timeline (DAAD October application)

- November 1: Application deadline for the Program “UP Global Topics – Visiting Lectureship” (Application of 1-2 pages in text format to Dr. Regina Neum-Flux, regina.neum-flux@uni-potsdam.de)
- November 15: Funding approval given by the university management (Office of the Vice President for International Affairs)
- January 15: Application deadline for the DAAD Visiting Lectureship Program “Funding of Foreign Visiting Lecturers for Teaching Activities at German Universities” (Model I. A – Visiting Lectureships)
- October 1: Beginning of the visiting lectureship (3-12 months depending on the application submitted to the DAAD)