

Financial Support for Staff Exchange

Joint Research and Education Programme “Palestinian-German Science Bridge PGSB” Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH & Palestine Academy for Science and Technology

The Palestinian-German Science Bridge is a pilot project financed by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research BMBF and implemented jointly by Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH and Palestinian Academy for Science and Technology PALAST to develop a joint research and education programme.

Forschungszentrum Jülich is one of the leading institutions in Europe involved in developing completely new industries, such as the bioeconomy, on the basis of its fundamental scientific research facilitated by its interdisciplinary and international approach. Key technologies in the areas of energy and environment, information technology, and brain research characterize its profile. More information can be found at <http://www.fz-juelich.de/portal/EN/Research>.

Faculty members of Palestinian universities interested in establishing a long-term cooperation with researchers in Jülich are invited to participate in the Research Cooperation Programme of the Palestinian-German Science Bridge.

Objectives:

The overarching and long-term objective of the Palestinian-German Science Bridge is to support the establishment of a science- and technology-related infrastructure in Palestine in the field of research and development, which will not only provide adequate job opportunities for highly qualified Palestinian scientists, but will also be of benefit to the whole of society in the long term.

Therefore, staff exchange activities should serve to

- establish a solid and lasting cooperation relationship
- coordinate joint research projects, including joint supervision of BSc-, MSc, and/or PhD theses
- integrate Palestinian faculty into research activities in Jülich (and its worldwide network of cooperation partners) and thus create a basis for exploiting relevant (national and/or European/international) research funding programmes in the future

How to participate:

If you are interested in establishing cooperation with a research group at Forschungszentrum Jülich,

- identify a common research interest or topic with an FZJ researcher and/or select a matching project offer at www.fz-juelich.de/ue/ProjectOffers.
- Contact the host scientist(s) to enquire about potential collaboration. Please use the template available at [Faculty Profile \(docx, 321 kB\)](#) to introduce yourself and describe your qualifications.
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In case of good scientific match and mutual interest, the Jülich host and Palestinian scientist can obtain financial support for staff exchange activities by jointly submitting a cooperation road map using the template available at [Roadmap \(docx, 320 kB\)](#). Activities eligible for support are

- Short visits and guest lectures of Jülich scientists at Palestinian universities (up to 3 weeks per year, i.e. up to 2.800 Euro per year)

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- Guest visits and lectures of Palestinian faculty in Jülich (typically 2 months per year, i.e. up to 3.700 Euro per year)
- Other activities suitable to achieve the PGSB objectives

Road maps should have a time scale of typically three years, and include explicit information on activities planned (required funds) for the current and the next year. Funds will be assigned on a yearly basis until the end of the pilot project in 2021.

Fact finding missions (short term visits in either direction) to establish contacts and develop a cooperation strategy and road map can also be supported.

Road maps signed by the two partners should be sent electronically to PALAST and Forschungszentrum Jülich at the addresses given below.

Selection criteria for PGSB Cooperation Projects:

- Scientific excellence of the proposed project
- Profile of the Palestinian cooperation partner
- Potential sustainability of the research project and the collaboration between the partners
- Compatibility of the cooperation topic with the objectives of the PGSB programme:
 - Application-oriented project
 - Suitability for subsequent knowledge transfer to Palestine

Submission deadline:

Road map proposals can be submitted continuously and will be evaluated at regular cut-off dates.

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