

## Study Group Mobility 2022 Further information on Application (FAQ)

- How many groups will be funded in 2022?

We expect to fund four groups in total, each travelling with up to five students plus one accompanying supervisor.

- What does the funding cover in 2022?

For the visiting group, the travel costs will be covered: return flights to either Germany or Jordan, including journey to/from the airport and the visa costs. Please be aware that **only one group** can travel to either Germany or Jordan. This should be discussed before applying.

- What is not covered?

The Project Office in Magdeburg cannot cover the overnight stays and the living expenses. Please communicate that within the travelling group beforehand. The International Office at GJU and the Project Office in Magdeburg are happy to help with finding suitable and economic accommodation as well as organising the private trip before or after.

- Is further funding allowed?

Especially for the German participants: Please contact your International Office and your department whether they might be able to provide further funding for accommodation, living expenses, etc. Please communicate that clearly.

- What should the timeline be?

The project should start online with meetings, presentations and planning, with the visit being the peak and the most intensive time of the collaboration. The project can continue online later on, but has to be finished until the end of 2022.

- How long should the visit to either Germany or Jordan be?

The project visit should be approx. five days, so we expect the groups to have a five day program when the visit takes place. Before or after the project days, we recommend strongly to stay longer to explore the visited country and gain some intercultural aspects. Therefore, the flights don't have to be five days apart.

- What should we plan for the project visit in either Germany or Jordan?

During their five days project visit, all students should exchange and present their most recent status of their individual graduation project and exchange knowledge, ideas and struggles. Please plan site visits to related projects and companies, the host institutions should try to arrange workshops or lectures from local experts relating to the graduation projects. The International Offices at GJU or the German partner institutions should support by intercultural presentation or further activities in the afternoon/evenings. The (academic) exchange between students and staff from both institutions has to be given the clear priority in the concept.

- When can the project visit take place?

In general, during the whole year until the end of November 2022. Please consider both the German and the Jordanian semester dates to find a suitable timeframe. The concrete date doesn't have to be fixed when applying, but the rough plan should have been discussed (month of travel).

- I am an interested lecturer who would like to apply. How do I find my collaboration partner at GJU/German partner institution?

Please contact Laura Schergaut from the International Office at GJU and provide her with your idea of collaboration. She will contact suitable partners on both sides. If your home institution already has connections to the partner in your field of study, feel free to ask colleagues of yours who previously worked with a Jordanian/German partner to connect you both.

- Do we need to know the student's details when applying?

No, the student's details can be given at a later point. But please be aware that it is your responsibility as the applying party to find sophisticated students for both sides, who are committed and have enough funds for the travel.

- How many students and supervisors are allowed to participate?

Per Group up to five German and five GJU students plus one supervisor from each institution. It should be the same number from both sides, but if it differs up to one person (e.g. four German students and five GJU students), it will not be an issue. There is also the possibility having more

supervisors from both parties, but please be aware that the travel fund only includes five students plus one supervisor.

- Is and for whom would attendance be expected?

All participants from the German universities as well as GJU should in general be obliged to participate in all scheduled activities. Potential conflicts with study plans, recess periods, etc. have to be taken into consideration already during the planning. Participant lists have to be kept throughout the funded period.

- What are the incentives for the group that doesn't travel?

For the counterpart that doesn't travel, the outcome is still valuable. On the academic side, they gain insights into related research, are able to visit companies, attend workshops and lectures during the project visit and therefore gather further information and knowledge regarding their graduation project. On the personal side, they connect on a one-on-one basis with German/Jordanian students and supervisors and gain intercultural experience.

- Will the project visit definitely be carried out, despite the Covid-19 pandemic?

We are optimistic that the project visits of each SGM can be carried out as planned, as long as safety measures will be taken into account. All planned visits of SGM 2021 took place last year. Nevertheless, it is important to think about an online alternative for all groups.

- Can both Bachelor and Master students participate?

Yes.

- Do the two participating parties have to be from the same major?

No, but they should come from the same field of study and all should be graduation students, working on their graduation project (in Germany most likely writing the graduation thesis). In general, all fields of study can apply as long as there is a German and a Jordanian part. It would be appreciated if the graduation projects go hand in hand with the Applied Science approach and/or entail a German/Jordanian topic, but it is not a must.

- Which role play the Research Clusters at GJU?

GJU is in the beginning of forming bilateral Research Clusters with German partners and the SGM should either be attached/aligned to an existing Research Cluster or be willing to establish one after the SGM to enhance future collaboration.

Existing Research Clusters have been formed at the following GJU Schools:

- **School of Management and Logistic Sciences**, responsible person is Dr. Serena Sandri, [serena.sandri@giu.edu.jo](mailto:serena.sandri@giu.edu.jo)
- **School of Applied Medical Sciences**; responsible person is Prof. Dr. Samer Al-Gharabli, [samer.gharabli@giu.edu.jo](mailto:samer.gharabli@giu.edu.jo)
- School of Applied Humanities and Languages (Social Work), responsible person is Prof. Dr. Christine Huth-Hildebrandt, [Christine.Hildebrandt@giu.edu.jo](mailto:Christine.Hildebrandt@giu.edu.jo)

If you would like to receive further information on the existing Research Clusters or apply within one for the SGM, please refer to the contacts listed above.

- What were focuses of the SGM groups last year?

Please see our website: <https://www.gju.edu.jo/content/study-group-mobility-2021-dhbw-bad-mergenheim-12862> for some impressions from last year. Please note that the Study Groups 2021 were neither aligned with Research Clusters nor focused only on graduation projects.

- For GJU applicants: Can we apply with students from GP1 and GP2?

Yes, you can apply with students from either GP1 or GP2, although we recommend having the visit during GP2. A mixture of students from both GP1 and GPS2 is also possible. Since SGM 2022 is targeting groups of up to five students, please think about whether applying with one GP group only (2-3 students) or merging two groups together when applying (max. five students).

For any further questions or help, please contact:

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