

A person wearing a dark blue suit and a white shirt is holding a small, colorful globe of the Earth. The globe is positioned in the center of the frame, and the person's hands are visible, with a gold ring on the ring finger of the right hand. The background is blurred, showing an indoor setting with light-colored walls and a desk.

**International
Office**

Information about the Internationalization Fund

1. Funding lines, eligible expenditure, funding rates

Funding line	Eligible expenditure	Funding rates
A) Start-up funding for international cooperation projects (one-off)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel expenses Material resources for use in coordination meetings and kick-off workshops (e.g. consumables, advertising materials, room rental only if it can be demonstrated that no free rooms are available. Hospitality costs, drinks and guest gifts are not eligible) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One time per person / travel costs up to €1,000 within Europe or €2,000 outside Europe Funding for a maximum of two people/trip (expenses will be reimbursed based on the NRW State Travel Expenses Act) Maximum funding amount per project: €7500
B) Short-term stays by international guest academics to participate in teaching/internationalization of the curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel expenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One time per person / travel costs up to €1,000 within Europe or €2,000 outside Europe Daily rates for guest researchers: €89/per day, for stays of several days (max. €1000 in total)
C) Projects designed jointly with international partners to internationalize teaching or research (i.e. short-term international programs such as summer schools, workshops, excursions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel expenses Material resources (consumables, advertising materials, room rental only if it can be proven that no free rooms are available. Hospitality costs, drinks and guest gifts are not eligible) Personnel costs (student assistants) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum funding amount per project: €7500
D) Upgrading of a project staff position by 25% using third-party funds acquired through international cooperation projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel costs (scientific staff) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the matching fund principle for smaller third-party funding (up to €40,000 for the entire project duration) Up to €25,000 for larger funding volumes <p>(A decision on funding will be made by the University Board)</p>

2. Non-eligible measures and alternative funding options

The following measures and activities can NOT be financed by the Internationalization Fund:

Non-eligible measures	Alternative funding options
Travel expenses and scholarships for students (incoming and outgoing, e.g. research stays or participation in conferences abroad)	including DAAD scholarship programs, ERASMUS (please contact the International Office for more information: international@fernuni-hagen.de)
Individual business trips, research stays, guest lectures or conference participations abroad	Please check the information on the pages of the Research and Graduate Service for funding opportunities
Funding for guest lectures by foreign scientists	The faculties/teaching departments are responsible for the administration of these funds
Travel for the purpose of teaching and further training, etc.	ERASMUS mobility funds for academics, lecturers and non-academic staff, DAAD scholarship programs

- Applications can be submitted at any time. Funds are awarded until the resources of the Internationalization Fund have been exhausted.
- Repeated applications for the same project initiative are not possible.
- Preference is given to projects with existing partner universities.
- Provide a consistent and convincing presentation of the strategic added value (including partner selection) for the FernUniversität and the sustainability of the project.
- Unused funds must be returned.
- For evaluation purposes, a written report must be submitted no later than 4 weeks after completion of the funded project (max. 2 A4 pages on progress and results).



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