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## A New Programme



**Appear** is a new programme to strengthen institutional capacities in higher education, research and management in the key regions of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) through partnerships with Austrian academic institutions and Master's and PhD grants as a contribution to sustainable reduction of poverty.

**Appear** encourages professionals and academic institutions to share their knowledge and experiences, to design innovative projects and to improve the overall standards in higher education research and management. The partnerships are based on cooperative collaboration, are mutually beneficiary and contribute to an increased visibility of development research in Austria. The programme is conceived and financed by ADC, and implemented by the **appear**.

All proposed activities are expected to be related to the thematic focus of **appear** as defined below.

- Higher education and research for development
- Water supply and sanitation, rural development, energy, private sector development, governance and human rights
- Poverty reduction, environment and natural resources, peace building and conflict prevention, gender equality
- Strengthening of skills in social sciences as an instrument to systematically analyze the reasons of poverty and to empower capacities in social science research



## Programme Principles

**Appear** funds well-designed collaborative and innovative projects, as well as Master's and PhD studies, that respond to identified demands in the partner countries and institutions. The participatory approach of the programme means that project proposals are planned and worked out jointly. At least two institutions – one from the countries addressed and one from Austria – must be involved in the partnership. The project coordinating institution is responsible for reporting and accounting. If the proposed activities need more than two partners involved to be implemented and realized successfully, a partnership network can also be established.

**Appear** is not interested in one-sided ›knowledge transfer‹ and strictly follows a demand-driven approach through which needs are defined by the partners in the South. Preconditions for equal partnerships are respect of different methodological and empirical approaches, of different epistemological and cultural systems, of different modes of interaction and interpretation of results.

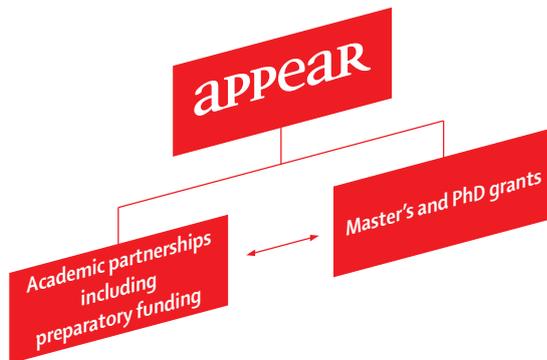
In order to realize the overall objective, **appear** follows five basic principles:

- Participatory approach
- A concept of culturally open-minded knowledge
- Practically- and empirically-oriented approach
- Gender sensitivity
- ›Bottom-up‹ and demand-driven approach



## Programme Design

The programme has two components whereby the focus is on the academic partnerships. However, this is closely related to Master's and PhD programmes that mainly support students and academics from already existing partnerships to implement sustainable cooperation. Both components share the overall objective to strengthen the institutional capacity of the partners in the South.



### Component 1:

- Academic partnerships in higher education, research and management to strengthen the institutional capacities of academic partner institutions in the South
- Preparatory funding to support institutions who do not yet have well established links to jointly plan and write a project proposal

### Component 2:

- Grants for Master's and PhD programmes in Austria for students and professionals from eligible countries



## Programme Overview

	<b>Component 1</b>		<b>Component 2</b>
	Academic partnerships	Preparatory funding	Master's and PhD grants
<b>Target group</b>	Higher education and research institutions in eligible countries and in Austria	Higher education and research institutions in eligible countries and in Austria	Applicants from eligible countries Master's: not older than 30 years (for women 35) PhD: not older than 35 years (for women 40)
<b>Submission</b>	The project coordinating institution can be either from an eligible country or from Austria	The project coordinating institution can be either from an eligible country or from Austria	Students and professionals at universities, universities of applied sciences in eligible countries
<b>Duration</b>	Max. 3 years	Max. 6 months	PhD: 36 months (average) Master's: 24 months (average) Including field research in home countries
<b>Budget</b>	2 partner institutions: 50,000 – max. 90,000 € / year More than 2 partner institutions: 50,000 – max. 130,000 € / year	Max. 15,000 € One-time funding	PhD: 940 € / month Master's: 880 € / month Travel costs (including field research in home countries) Allowances (German courses, participation in conferences, printing costs)



## Requirements

In order to improve academic capacities, the partners have to embed a development approach that brings together academic questions with specific needs and demands of the addressed countries in the South in the proposed activities. Ownership must be well balanced between the concerned partners.

The preparatory funding provides the opportunity to elaborate a realistic and effective project proposal based on the demands and needs of the partner institutions in the South. In this initial phase the future partner institutions assess each other's respective institutional and social environments and jointly design the project proposal.

For the Master's and PhD grants the objective is to support students and professionals from the eligible countries in completing their Master's and PhD studies at an Austrian university.

They contribute to institutional capacity development and poverty reduction in their home countries and are either involved in academic partnerships or will contribute to further establishment of academic partnerships.



## Eligible Countries

Partner institutions in the South and participants of Master's and PhD programmes at Austrian universities come from the following countries:

- Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya
- Mozambique
- Cape Verde, Burkina Faso, Senegal
- Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala
- Bhutan, Nepal
- Palestinian Territories

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