

Call for Proposals 2025

The Foundation for German-American Academic Relations (SDAW), established by the late Professor Helga Haftendorn, invites proposals for research projects that address transatlantic relations or topics of significance on both sides of the Atlantic. The foundation is dedicated to strengthening ties between scholars in Germany and the United States, firmly believing that such collaboration is vital for both academic progress and the reinforcement of transatlantic relations.

1. Purpose and Background

SDAW supports innovative research projects that focus on all political, economic, or societal aspects of transatlantic relations. For 2025, the foundation particularly welcomes project ideas that address current and future transatlantic security relations.

2. Eligibility

Collaboration Requirement:

All proposals must involve genuine collaboration between researchers based in Germany and the United States. Projects must be jointly developed and carried out by teams including scholars from both countries. Researchers from other European countries may participate as part of the team, provided the core collaboration is between Germany and the USA.

Eligible Disciplines:

- Social Sciences (especially Political Science, International Relations, Sociology)
- Law
- History
- Related disciplines productively contributing to project themes are also invited.

Team Composition:

- Teams should consist either exclusively of early-career researchers (including doctoral candidates, postdocs, and pre-tenure faculty) or a mix of junior and senior scholars.
- The active involvement of early-career researchers from both Germany and the United States is strongly encouraged.

3. Funding Formats and Amounts

Possible Funding Formats:

- Initiation or implementation of collaborative research projects
- Organization of workshops or conferences to prepare academic publications
- Book incubators supporting early-career scholars' first books, involving experts from both Germany and the United States for manuscript feedback
- Other innovative formats that foster German-American cooperation and include young researchers from both countries

Funding Amounts:

- Typically between EUR 5,000 and 10,000 (seed funding)
- In exceptional cases, up to EUR 20,000
- Co-funding from other foundations is encouraged; please specify such plans in your proposal.

4. Application Requirements

Required Documents:

- Standardized cover sheet (see template below)

- Detailed project description (up to three single-spaced pages)
- Short CVs of all participating scholars (up to two pages per person)
- Information on co-funding, if applicable

Formal Guidelines:

- Language: English or German
- Format: Minimum font size 11pt, margins at least 2 cm, all documents combined into a single PDF
- Incomplete proposals will not be considered

5. Submission Process and Deadlines

- **Submission:** By e-mail as a single PDF to sdaw@stifterverband.de and Svenja.Weiss@stifterverband.de
- **Deadline:** August 29, 2025
- **Funding decisions:** November 2025

6. Evaluation Criteria

- Innovation and relevance for transatlantic relations
- Genuine collaboration between researchers in Germany and the USA
- Involvement and support of early-career scholars
- Quality and feasibility of the project concept
- Contribution to German-American academic cooperation

7. Contact and Further Information

For questions, please contact:

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Further information and examples of previously funded projects are available at: sdaw-foundation.de

Checklist for Application

- Cover sheet (English or German)
- Project description (max. 3 pages)
- Short CVs (max. 2 pages per person)
- Information on co-funding (if applicable)
- Submission as a single PDF document

Cover Sheet Template

Application for funding of a research group on the topic:

"Title (German)"

"Title (English)"

Project summary: max. 50 words

Requested funds: total amount

**With this call, SDAW seeks to inspire innovative, practice-oriented,
and sustainable impulses for German-American academic cooperation.
We look forward to your proposals!**

Proposal

Title:

Project description:

(max 50 words summing up an attached 3-page description)

1. Proposer:

2. Proposer (if appropriate):

Address (Office):

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