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The EC-US and EU-Canada Cooperation Programmes in Higher Education and Training



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The Agreements

The programmes are established under two formal agreements between the European Community and, respectively, the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada.



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Programme Main Objectives

- ✓ Promote mutual understanding
- ✓ Mutually improve quality of education and contribute to human resources development



Who is eligible for funding?

- ✓ HE and VET institutions from the 25 EU Member States
- ✓ Organisations active in education
- ✓ EU-Fulbright: excellent post-graduate students and scholars



Type of projects supported

- ✓ **Three-year consortia implementation projects**
- ✓ **One-year preparatory projects**
- ✓ **Two-year complementary activities**



Consortia Implementation Projects

- ✓ Target HE and VET institutions
- ✓ Curriculum development
- ✓ Student mobility
- ✓ Cultural and linguistic preparation



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Consortia Preparatory Projects

- ✓ **Target HE and VET institutions with little or not experience in Transatlantic cooperation**



Complementary activities

- ✓ Target organisations active in the field of education – not restricted to HE and VET institutions
- ✓ Provide support for projects dealing with horizontal issues relevant to education development
- ✓ Flexibility in the type of activities



Funding

- ✓ 3 M€ per year (2,2 for US, 0,8 for Canada)
- ✓ Up to 75% of total project cost for EU partners
- ✓ Maximum € 160,000 for EU partners and \$ 210,000 for US partners
- ✓ € 80,000 for complementary activities
- ✓ € 25,000 for preparatory projects
- ✓ Partners to cover at least 25% of project cost
- ✓ Student stipend: € 700 per EU student per month and up to € 1,000 for travel



Selection of applications

- ✓ **Three-step approach**
 - ✓ **Peer review by independent experts (May)**
 - ✓ **Joint Selection with the partner authorities (June)**
 - ✓ **Financial decision and award of grants by the European Commission (September)**



More Information

http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/eu-usa/index_en.html