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During the 2013-14 reporting period, the University of Cologne engaged in a number of activities that underscore its on-going commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly notable:

The University of Cologne's International Office, in collaboration with the Global South Section at the University of Cologne, has been setting up a coordination office for the [DAAD DIES proposal writing courses](#). These courses are part of the Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES) program of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK).



The aim of the DIES (Grant) Proposal Writing Courses is to enable new researchers and young PhD holders from countries in the Global South (mainly Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia) to develop proposal writing skills according to international standards and to design, write and budget a promising proposal for national and international research funding.

The courses are organized and conducted by the International Office of the University of Cologne in close cooperation with ProWiss (Consulting Services for Researchers) and partner institutions in the regions. The costs for this training course are mainly covered by funds provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The DIES proposal writing courses are an effective tool for enhancing academic capacity building in the Global South and for promoting international research cooperation.

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