Call for „great!ipid4all (group2group exchange for academic talents)“

Program purpose

The program aims at supporting the exchange and lively collaboration of young scientists based on the cooperation of international working groups.

The program great!ipid4all is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), and the TU Dresden’s Institutional Strategy by the Excellence Initiative of the German Federal and State Governments.

Support

The grant supports the cooperation between researchers (doctoral candidates and/or postdocs) of two (at least one TU Dresden and one international) or more working groups.

The project applications can be composed either of the mandatory module only or of the mandatory module combined with further flexible modules.

The mandatory module for all project applications is:

- a research stay of a doctoral candidate of the TU Dresden in the working group abroad (outgoing; min. two weeks up to three months)

Further flexible modules can be added to the project application:

- research stays of other doctoral candidates and/or postdocs of the participating working groups (incoming and outgoing; up to three months)

- research internships for foreign undergraduate students of the working group abroad supervised by the participating young researchers at TU Dresden (incoming; min. one up to three months)

- joint workshops of the partner groups, organized by the involved young researchers, at TU Dresden or abroad (max. five days)

- short meetings of individual participants of the working groups at TU Dresden or abroad (e.g., for a detailed planning of single modules, for scientific exchange or for preparation of joint publications or research proposals; max. five days)
Requirements

Eligible are professors of the TU Dresden together with a professor from the working group abroad and a doctoral candidate as the main contact person within the working group at TU Dresden. The membership at the Graduate Academy is mandatory for all project participants (involved young researchers as well as the applying professor) from the TU Dresden.

If you should not already be a member of the GA, you must hand in your complete membership application including all necessary documents two weeks prior to the respective deadline with us.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a project application, you have to fulfill the following requirements:

- The project application has to be a joint request.
- A cooperation between the working groups already exists (demonstrated by, e.g., joint publications, cooperation agreements)
- At least one young researcher from each working group must be involved in the project. Level and type of participation may vary depending on the individual needs.
- At least one doctoral candidate of TU Dresden has to be involved in the project as a main applying contact and has to travel.

Extent of funding

The extent of funding per project application is:

- Up to 7,500.00 EUR for a cooperation within Europe
- Up to 10,000.00 EUR for a cooperation with a non-European partner

The mobility and subsistence expenses are only covered by the subsidizing rates according to the lump sums of the DAAD. Exceptions are not possible. The amount of the funding sum is related to the destination country and the duration of the stay in accordance to the valid DAAD lump sums for travel and accommodation allowances (exception: professors of TU Dresden will be reimbursed in accordance to the SächsRKG for max. five days). Please mind, that up from November 1st, 2017 new lump sums of the DAAD are valid.

Please note that the granted funding might not cover all occurring expenses. Thus, before submitting the application, please clarify how the exceeding costs might be covered.

All proposed modules have to be completed at the latest by May 31st, 2019. After expiration of the funded project cooperation by the Graduate Academy a final participation report has to be submitted to the Graduate Academy by the applying professors as well as by the involved young scientists. The forms for the final reports can be found on the program’s website.

Application documents

A complete application consists of the following documents:

- Completed application form
- Per project member information on:
  - Scientific background and brief description of the research
focus/main focus of the doctorate, incl. selected publications
✓ Position of the project member (doctoral candidate/post-doc, etc.)
✓ GA member ID of TUD-participants
• Presentation (max. five pages) of the project including
  ✓ Description of the participation of at least one young researcher from each working group in the project (participation can differ)
  ✓ Description of the planned results and perspectives for a future cooperation (short, middle or long-term)
• *Calculation(s) of costs; including the documentation of accommodation and travel expenses, e.g., printouts of train tickets for TUD professors
• *Form “Antrag auf Genehmigung eines Gastaufenthaltes” (form D2.1/29) for all incomings and, if bank transfer is required, the annex to the *form “Antrag auf Genehmigung eines Gastaufenthaltes”
• Informal written confirmation letter on the project cooperation submitted by the international partner(s)

*Available as a download document on the program’s website.

What conditions or criteria need to be met?

The following criteria will be used to assess applications and to make funding decisions by the board of the Graduate Academy:

Content-related criteria
• Quality of the previous cooperation(s) of the applicants
• Quality of the young scientists (academic performance, publications, prizes, awards, social criteria)
• Convincing concept of
  ✓ how the young researchers are involved and supervised in the project to benefit the best from the expertise of both sides,
  ✓ the planned concrete results (e.g., joint applications/publications) and
  ✓ Perspectives (development of a long-lasting exchange, involvement of other groups).

Formal criteria
• Application documents completed in full
• Application submitted by the due date (one PDF, electronically submitted)

Application deadlines 2017:
• 31st March, 31st May and 31st October

If the period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or official holiday, it shall be extended until the end of the first following working day.

Approximately three weeks after the application deadline you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. Please refrain from telephone inquiries in this time.
Notification of funding is generally made after about eight weeks of the respective deadline for applications.

**Start of grant**

Earliest starting date on which funding will be available is **July 1st** (application deadline 31st March), **July 15th** (application deadline 31st May) and **February 1st** (application deadline 31th October)

**Please mind:** no travels can be funded within the month October 2017.

**Submission**

Please submit your application by email only with the subject line “greatlipid4all” in due time to: graduiertenakademie@tu-dresden.de. All application documents should be merged into only one digital PDF file.

Applications submitted incomplete or after the deadline cannot be taken into consideration.

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