Gutenberg Council for Young Researchers

Call for proposals for

the promotion of short-term research stays
at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz / Germany in 2016/2017

for foreign (prospective) PhD candidates
in the fields of humanities and social sciences

To support and promote the internationalization of research projects in the fields of humanities and social sciences, the Gutenberg Council for Young Researchers (GYR) offers funds for (prospective) PhD candidates from abroad who want to come to Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) for a short-term research stay.

It’s the Council’s aim to attract excellent PhD and master students from abroad and to promote the exchange between young researchers from foreign institutions and JGU’s young and established researchers.

Both sides – PhD and master students from abroad and the hosting institution/researchers at JGU – can examine whether planned or ongoing research projects are feasible and transferable on an international scale.

Intended purpose and funding

Eligible for funding are

- stays in working groups at JGU
- cooperation with JGU researchers who are relevant for the ongoing or planned PhD or research project

Per short-term research stay, you can apply for funding of up to EUR 750 for travel and accommodation costs. The minimum period of a short-term stay is two weeks.

Persons entitled to apply

Entitled to apply are

- Prospective PhD candidates from abroad who have already contacted a potential supervisor for a PhD project at JGU;
- PhD candidates from abroad who have already contacted group leaders and/or established researchers at JGU;
- Group leaders of JGU whose research demonstrably benefits (in a sustained manner) from the research stay of a PhD candidate at JGU;
- JGU researchers who want to attract young researchers from abroad for a PhD or a postdoc position at JGU.

Please note that you may only apply once per call.
Required documents and application

Please apply electronically (by e-mail) at the GYR, specifying the subject “application short-term research stay Incoming”. The contact person is Julia Häuser-Huth (gyr@uni-mainz.de).

Please submit the following documents:

- A cover letter from the (prospective) PhD candidate, outlining the ongoing or planned PhD project, the candidate’s motivation and the expected benefit from the stay at JGU (2 pages max., in German or English);
- A letter of recommendation from the potential supervisor/inviting group leader/inviting researcher outlining the relevance of the stay at JGU;
- Academic CV (in tabular form) of the (prospective) PhD candidate;
- Degree certificates of the (prospective) PhD candidate (copy);
- Desired period of the stay.

Please note that incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Award criteria

After reviewing the documents we will inform you of our decision by e-mail.

The funding decision is primarily based on:

- The applicant’s academic aptitude;
- The expected benefit from the stay for the (planned) PhD project of the (prospective) PhD student;
- The expected benefit for the inviting working group and/or the inviting researcher;
- The feasibility and transferability of the planned or ongoing research project at JGU.

Please note that funding is limited. There is no legal claim to funding.

Final report

Four weeks after the end of the short-term stay at JGU, a final report (2 pages max.) outlining the course of the stay is to be submitted electronically to the GYR.

Contact

For general questions (application deadlines, eligible costs etc.) please contact the head of GYR: Julia Häuser-Huth (gyr@uni-mainz.de; Tel.: 06131 39-25049).