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**Application form for the   
funding opportunities by “GradUS global”**

**Doctoral researchers from Saarland University** are eligible to apply for the funding opportunities by “GradUS global”, which aim to support their international mobility, exchange, cooperation, and career development. After expiry of a 4.5-years period of funding by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), “GradUS global” is now supported by the Vice-President for Internationalization and European Relations to further promote the internationalisation of doctoral research at Saarland University.

**The main selection criteria** for choosing the activities to-be-supported by “GradUS global” are (1) the academic excellence of the applicants and (2) the motivation for and significance of the planned activity with regard to the applicant’s further (research) career. In addition, (3) the applicants have to describe which alternative funding opportunities for the applied activity have been taken into account, such that a support by “GradUS global” will only be granted after exclusion of alternative funding options (e.g., by the DAAD, Erasmus, or one’s chair/institute/research programme).

**Personal information**

* Last Name:
* First Name:
* E-mail:
* Matriculation/registration number:

1. **Type of funding applied for**

□ A) Research visits of doctoral candidates in research institutions abroad

□ B) Professional periods (internships) of doctoral candidates in enterprises or institutions abroad

□ C) Conference travels of doctoral candidates abroad (with active presentation of a talk or poster,

incl. international *online* conferences or courses during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic)

1. **Description of the activity/project**

Please describe the activity or project for which you apply for financial support from “GradUS global” (ca. 1 page, max. 2 pages). If applicable, provide concrete dates, periods, or duration of the activities or projects; list the names of the persons involved.

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| **Concrete dates/period/duration:**  **Location (place/country):**  **Description of the activity/project:** |

1. **Description of your motivation and the significance of the activity/project**

Please describe your personal motivation for carrying out the described activity or project. In addition, please describe the significance of the activity or project for your Ph.D. project, for your research, or for your further career development (0.5-1 pages).

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1. **Expected costs of the activity/project**

* **Expected costs for travel**:[[1]](#footnote-1)
* **Expected costs for accommodation**:
* **Other expected costs** (if applicable):

1. **Alternative funding for the activity/project**

Please describe which alternative funding opportunities for the applied activity have been taken into account by the applicant and the responsible Ph.D. supervisor, such that a support by “GradUS global” will only be granted after exclusion of alternative funding options (e.g., by the DAAD, Erasmus, or one’s chair/institute/research programme). ***Please note that this information is mandatory.***

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1. **Required attachments**

Please provide the following attachments together with this form:

* **Curriculum vitae** of the doctoral candidate
* **Letter of reference** by the responsible Ph.D. supervisor (or, if applicable, by other suitable persons), which shall include an evaluation of the significance of the activity or project for which financial support is applied for

1. **Signatures**

Date and place:

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(Signature of applicant) (Signature of Ph.D. supervisor or other responsible person/s)

1. Please note that if the supported activity/project involves travels, these travels cannot be combined with more than five working days (plus weekend) that are spent as free-time or holidays (otherwise, the travel costs cannot be reimbursed as indicated by the Bundesreisekostengesetz). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)