New call for proposals:

“GradUS global”

promotes doctoral researchers
with regard to internationalisation

Next deadline for applications: 1st January 2020!

Doctoral researchers from Saarland University can now again apply at “GradUS global” for the support of international research activities that take place between during the year 2020.

“GradUS global” is jointly offered by GradUS – the support centre for doctoral researchers – and the International Office at Saarland University. After expiry of a 4.5-years period of funding by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), “GradUS global” is now supported by Saarland University’s presidency under the responsibility of the Vice-President of European and International Affairs, Prof. Dr. Claudia Polzin-Haumann, to further promote the internationalisation of doctoral research at Saarland University. For an initial pilot phase of 1.5 years, the Vice-President is allocating a sum of 30.000 € to continue the funding opportunities by “GradUS global” (of which 20.000 € are available for the present call for proposals).

As a brief overview, “GradUS global” can support the following types of activities of doctoral researchers from Saarland University:

- Research visits of doctoral candidates in research institutions abroad
- Professional periods (internships) in enterprises or institutions abroad
- Conference travels of doctoral candidates abroad
In more detail, doctoral researchers from Saarland University who want to spend a longer research visit at a foreign institution or a professional period (internship) in an enterprise or institution abroad or to attend an international scientific conference outside Germany – where they have to actively present a talk or a poster – are eligible to apply for financial support. While the support by “GradUS global” focuses on these types of activities, also other kinds of measures for doctoral researchers can in principle be facilitated especially if financial resources should be left.

The main selection criteria for choosing the activities to-be-supported are (1) the scientific excellence of the applicants and (2) the motivation for and significance of the planned activity with regard to the applicant’s further (scientific) 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).

Please note that “GradUS global” does not solely provide various funding opportunities, it also offers a platform for intense exchange between doctoral researchers from all disciplines and all countries. During informal events and meetings, the young scientists will have the chance to exchange and network. Please subscribe the “GradUS newsletter” at the GradUS website in order to be kept informed about our various offers, workshops, and meetings.

Doctoral researchers from Saarland University can now again apply for a funding by “GradUS global” for activities that take place during the year 2020!

The deadline for applications is 1st January 2020!

Please note that not more than one application can be submitted per person and per call.

Further information: www.uni-saarland.de/gradus