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New call for proposals:

“GradUS global” promotes doctoral researchers with regard to internationalisation

Deadline for applications: 11th April 2021!

**Doctoral researchers from Saarland University can now again apply at
“GradUS global” for the support of international research activities
that take place during the year 2021**

“GradUS global” is jointly offered by **GradUS** – the support centre for doctoral researchers at Saarland University – and the **International Office**. After expiry of a 4.5-years period of funding by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), “GradUS global” is now supported by the University’s presidency under the responsibility of the **Vice-President for Internationalization and European Relations** (Prof. Dr. Cornelius König) to further promote the internationalisation of Ph.D. research at Saarland University.

In light of the ongoing **coronavirus pandemic**, some international travels that would have been supported by “GradUS global” in the year 2020 had to be cancelled. Therefore, a residual funds from 2020 (ca. 10-12.000 €) can now be used to support **international research activities of doctoral researchers that take place until the end of 2021**. Given that many academic conferences currently take place in **virtual forms**, the funding by “GradUS global” can in principle also be used to cover the fees for participation in **international ONLINE conferences or courses**.

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

- **Research visits in research institutions abroad**
- **Professional periods (internships) in enterprises or institutions abroad**
- **Conference travels abroad** (incl. international **online** conferences or courses during the ongoing **coronavirus pandemic**)

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** (incl. international online conferences or courses during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic) – 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 funding opportunities, it also offers a platform for intense exchange between doctoral researchers from all disciplines and countries. During informal events, 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 offers, workshops, and meetings.

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

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

