

Return for Research Grants – Call 2018

The University of Siegen provides funding through its Research Alumni Programme

Re-inviting former international Guest Researchers (Research Alumni) from any department of the University of Siegen

The goal of this project is to involve former international researchers in activities to strengthen our global academic network, to initiate further cooperation, and to support future academics at the University of Siegen.

Who are Research Alumni?

Research Alumni include all academics (postdocs and professors) that are currently active outside of Germany and have, in the past, conducted at least one research stay at the University of Siegen.

Who can apply?

Applicants can be professors, private lecturers and academic consultants in their role as host/hostess of the Research Alumni from any department of the University of Siegen.

What will be funded?

The grant includes a one-time financial support of up to **€1,400** (for those coming from an EU state) or up to **€1,800** (for those coming from a non-EU state), which is to partially cover the cost of attending the re-invitation. The exact amount will be decided upon by the selection committee.

The prerequisite to obtain funding is that selected Research Alumni will take part in research-related activities hosted by the University of Siegen during their stay for research. This includes, for example, delivering a guest lecture etc.. It is of particular importance to actively involve one's self with future academics at the University of Siegen.

Second Application period:

Application Deadline: **12. February 2018**

This applies to those planning to visit from the 1st of April 2018 until the 31st of December 2018.

Funded visits must take place within the corresponding application period. Retroactive authorization is prohibited.

Submitted applications after the given deadline will be reviewed and decided once per quarter by the Research Commission on a continuous basis, depending on the funds available.

What is to be included in an application?

Applications must be submitted electronically to Mr. Gerrit Pursch (forscheralumni@uni-siegen.de) by the appropriate deadline (12. February 2018).

I.) The formal application for funding (max. 3 pages) must include:

- The justification for the selection of the research alumnus/alumna by the host/hostess,
- a brief description of the planned research project and the exact objective for the stay (within the planned duration of the visit),
- intention of participation with the University of Siegen's research community, particularly future academics,
- information on the possible potential for further cooperation,
- signatures of both the research alumnus/alumna and the intended host/hostess.

II.) The attachment (max. 2 pages) must include:

- The academic CV, publication list of the research alumnus/alumna and
- previous cooperation/research stays at the University of Siegen.

The final selection of applicants will be decided by the Senate Commission for Research and Future Academics in collaboration with the Research Alumni Programme of the University of Siegen.

Which criteria will be considered?

- The professional expertise of the research alumnus/alumna,
- previous cooperation between the research alumnus/alumna and the host/hostess,
- the academic quality of the research field of the host/hostess,
- the intensity and quality of the involvement between the research alumnus/alumna and future academics of the University of Siegen.

Funding will be preferred towards applications which ultimately propose sustainable research collaboration between the research alumnus/alumna and the host/hostess from the University of Siegen. Thus, joint publications, external fundraising and other such objectives will be viewed as particularly favourable.

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