BremenIDEA out – Research stays for doctoral candidates at international institutions

Doctoral researchers of the University of Bremen can receive funding for stays up to 3 months at international research institutions.

Who can apply:
 Doctoral researchers of all disciplines of the University of Bremen. Only accepted doctoral candidates are eligible. The acceptance by the doctoral committee must be present at the latest on the day of the selection meeting of the Young Researchers Committee.

Conditions for funding:
 Successful applicants will receive funding in accordance with the IPID4all travel allowances depending on the country of destination and the duration of the stay.
 BremenIDEA is a short-term additional funding for a research stay abroad. This funding does not affect the basic financing of the doctorate.
 Combination of grants: A double financing of a research stay abroad is fundamentally excluded. In order to extend your research stay abroad, the combination with other subsidies is possible.
 The use of several DAAD-funded grants at the same time is excluded.

Please note:
 The minimum duration of stay is one month.
 PhD candidates can only be funded once by BremenIDEA. A re-application after a rejection is possible.

Application documents include:
 Proposal (max. 5 pages according to the application guideline)
 Endorsement letter from the supervisor at the University of Bremen
 Invitation letter from the host institution
 CV (including list of publications)
 Letter of acceptance by the doctoral committee

All documents can be submitted either in English or German language. Please combine all documents into one single pdf and upload it via the online form. Further information and the application form on www.uni-bremen.de/bremenidea

BremenIDEA is a joint project of BYRD and the International Office of the University of Bremen.
Application Procedure

The members of the Young Researchers Committee assess all applications on the basis of the evaluation criteria of the BremenIDEA funding line. On this basis, the Vice President Research, Prof. Dr. Andreas Breiter, decides on the applications.

The BremenIDEA funds are distributed evenly and with equal opportunities to doctoral researchers of all disciplines of the University of Bremen.

Completeness of the application: Only applications that meet the formal requirements can be considered.

Evaluation Criteria

Quality of the application:
The quality of the application is essential for a positive funding decision. The proposal with a description of your planned research activities abroad is decisive. Please ensure to summarize your dissertation project transparent and logical. The Young Researchers Committee that examines the applications and gives recommendations to the Vice President Research is composed of members of all faculties of the University of Bremen. Due to this interdisciplinary composition of the committee, it would be desirable to report and summarize your project for a broader audience's understanding.

Institutional involvement and participation:
BremenIDEA should contribute to the internationalization of the doctoral phase. Doctoral researchers should get the possibility to communicate with international researchers, to present their dissertation project in front of an international audience and to establish networks and new cooperations. It is essential that the host institution is willing to integrate the guest researcher and that there is a clear plan for participation.

- The invitation letter from the host institution should be convincing. It should not only confirm your research stay formally.
- Please outline your planned activities (presentations, conferences, working groups etc.) and indicate precisely the names of collaborating researchers.
- It is possible to apply for funding to strengthen the cooperation with an external supervisor. Beyond that please make sure that your stay is embedded in a wider context of cooperation and corresponding activities at the host institution.
Host institution:
The application should provide a plausible explanation for the selection of the host institution. Explain the conditions for a research stay at this institution and indicate the reasons why you chose this institution.

Status of the PhD project and time schedule:
Please explain how you are planning to integrate a research stay abroad into the overall schedule of your PhD project. An application for a support through a BremenIDEA scholarship is possible at any time, but of course the work and time schedule of a research stay abroad should fit into the overall timeplan of the PhD project.

Letter of recommendation:
In addition to the proposal, the letter of recommendation by the supervisor of the University of Bremen is an important basis for the application. The letter of recommendation should also provide information on the reasons why no other funding is available for the requested research stay.

International Cooperation:
Priority can be given to applications for research stays at universities and institutions that already maintain a strategic partnership or any other institutional cooperation with the University of Bremen. If your PhD project is developed as a part of such cooperation, please specify this in your application.