BremenIDEA – International Doctoral Education Action

BremenIDEA is a program promoted by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). From 2015 to 2017 numerous funding opportunities will be announced to support the mobility of doctoral candidates.

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. Successful applicants will receive funding in accordance with the IPID4all travel allowances depending on the country of destination and the duration of the stay.

Please note:

✦ The minimum duration of stay is one month!
✦ PhD candidates can only be funded once by BremenIDEA!

Application documents include:

✦ Proposal (see application guideline)
✦ Endorsement letter from the supervisor at the University of Bremen
✦ Invitation letter from the host
✦ Letter of acceptance by the doctoral commission (only accepted doctoral candidates are eligible)
✦ CV (including list of publications)

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

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Application Guide

Please refer to this guideline for your proposal within the BremenIDEA funding line. The proposal text must not exceed 5 pages. Structure your proposal on the following points:

1. Host institution and responsible local collaborator
2. Planned dates of the research stay
3. Information on your current status at the University of Bremen and (if applicable) current fundings
4. Brief description of the PhD project
5. Planned activities at the host institution and relevance of the research stay for the PhD thesis

Your application will be reviewed by the Young Researchers Committee and the Vice Rector for Research and Young Academics of the University of Bremen on the basis of the following principles:

Quality of the application:
The quality of the application is essential for a positive funding decision. Beyond correct format and completeness, 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 Rector for Research and Young Academics 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.
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.

International Cooperation:
Priority will 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.