



G-RISC

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Fourth Call for Proposals

Funding period: July 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011

The German-Russian Interdisciplinary Science Center (G-RISC) is a Center of Excellence established in 2010. The main offices are based at St. Petersburg State University and Freie Universität Berlin. It relies on funding and regulations of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). G-RISC provides a unique interdisciplinary research platform supporting education and research in binational projects between Russia and Germany. Focus is interdisciplinary research in physics, geophysics, physical chemistry, and mathematics.

Proposals on the following subjects are subject of funding (Please note recent changes in funding):

- **Mobility funds of excellent young Russian students, graduate students, or post-docs** aiming interdisciplinary research projects in Germany, where support can be given for research stays **up to 2 months**. The following expenses should be considered: transportation: 300 EUR, local costs (per month): 750 EUR (undergraduates: qualification requirement: Bachelor or equivalent degree) 1,000 EUR (graduates: qualification requirement: Master or equivalent degree; post-docs: qualification requirement: doctoral degree).
- **Sur-place stipends for outstandingly bright Russian students** (up to 6 months for 80 EURO per month) who are involved in interdisciplinary research projects with German partner groups (qualification requirement: Bachelor or equivalent degree). **NEW:** The funding of visits to Germany and sur-place stipends cannot overlap.
- **Mobility funds to German excellent students, graduate students, or post-docs** aiming interdisciplinary research projects in Russia, where support can be given up to one month. The following expenses should be considered: transportation: 300 EUR, local costs: 850 EUR (undergraduates: qualification requirement: Bachelor or equivalent degree) 1,125 EUR (graduates: qualification requirement: Master or equivalent degree; post-docs: qualification requirement: doctoral degree).
- **Mobility funds for outstanding researchers teaching of compact interdisciplinary classes** of broad interdisciplinary interest at the partner institutions in Russia or Germany. The following expenses should be considered: transportation: 300 EUR, 89 EUR (Russians) or 106 EUR (Germans) per day up to 10 days of stay.
- **NEW:** The maximum number of funded people should be limited per project to 2 people from each side. The maximum age of post-docs should not exceed 35 years. The age of post-docs needs to be specified so that priority can be given to young people.
- **Funds for interdisciplinary summer schools or research workshops.** Preference is given to outstandingly important subjects linking different disciplines covered by G-RISC to Russian and German researchers, where funds up to 25,000 EUR can be requested.

Proposals should be submitted by the deadline May 01, 2011 by e-mail to office@g-risc.org. Late proposals will not be considered. The length of a proposal is limited to up to 2 pages (single space, New Times Roman, 12 pt). Proposals ignoring these requirements will not be considered. The following structure of the proposals is obligatory:

- Title of the project
- Involved partner groups from Russia and Germany
- State-of-the-art and own previous work
- Aims of the project and description of the innovative, interdisciplinary approach
- Brief work plan or outline of activities
- Requested funds and justification, according to the above mentioned rules of DAAD

Note: Funded persons must hold at least a Bachelor's degree (undergraduates) or a Master's degree (graduates). Proposals outside the mentioned scope of funding will not be considered. Neither lists of publication nor preprints should be submitted. All proposals will be peer reviewed and the decision of funding is made by a binational Steering Committee.