

# 11<sup>th</sup> Call for Proposals - Revised (Oct. 5, 2014)

Funding period: January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015

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.

## Note important changes compared to previous calls for proposals:

1. Funding of G-RISC during the first semester of 2015 is currently not yet approved by DAAD. All projects recommended for funding by the G-RISC Steering Committee can only be supported, if DAAD allocates the respective funds accordingly. Delays in funding availability or insufficient allocations of funding by DAAD might result in delays or cancellations of projects, even if they were approved by G-RISC Steering Committee.
2. The financial support scheme has been revised by the funding agency DAAD (see below in [Annex 1](#)).
3. **NEW:** Proposals between research institutions from St. Petersburg and Berlin devoted to the "*Structure and Dynamics of Nanoscopic Matter*" will receive specific attention. Proposal aiming to contribute to this Priority Research Topic should indicate this properly in the proposal.

## Proposals on the following subjects are subject of funding:

- **Mobility funds for excellent young Russian students, graduate students, or post-docs** up to the age of 35 years aiming interdisciplinary research projects in Germany, where support can be given for research stays **up to 2 months**. Qualification requirement for graduates: Bachelor or equivalent degree. Qualification requirement for doctoral students: Master or equivalent degree.
- **Sur-place stipends** for outstandingly bright Russian students. **Note:** The funding of visits to Germany and Sur-place stipends cannot overlap.
- **Mobility funds for German excellent students, graduate students, or post-docs up to the age of 35 years aiming interdisciplinary research projects in Russia** up to one month. Qualification requirement for graduates: Bachelor or equivalent degree. Qualification requirement for doctoral students: Master or equivalent degree.
- **Mobility funds for outstanding researchers** teaching of compact interdisciplinary classes of broad interdisciplinary interest at the partner institutions in Russia or Germany.
- **Note:** The maximum number of funded people should be limited per project to 2 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.

**IMPORTANT: Proposals must be written in English language. They must be submitted between October 1, 2014 and before the deadline October 31, 2014 by E-mail to [office@g-risc.org](mailto: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).

**NOTE:** G-RISC aims for collaborations between research institutions from Russia and Germany. Therefore, a letter of acceptance from the head of the sending and hosting institutions must be enclosed upon submission, indicating that there is sufficient interest in collaboration and that the project can be performed, the required resources are available, and the visitor/s can be sent and hosted. Proposals ignoring these requirements will not be considered for evaluation.

**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 G-RISC and DAAD
- Name of the person to be funded, qualification, age, and Email address.

**Note: References of published work funded by G-RISC should be submitted in an Appendix.** All proposals will be peer reviewed and the decision of funding is made by the binational Steering Committee.

## Annex 1: NEW Regulations for Financial Support

### 1. Local Expenses

Category	Visit to	Support per month	Per day (for visits up to 22 days)
Graduates from Germany*	Russia	900.00 €	41.00 €
Doctoral Students from Germany*	Russia	1,325.00 €	59.00 €
Advanced Scientists from Germany (teaching visits)*	Russia	1,325.00 €	106.00 €
Graduates from Russia	Germany	750.00 €	33.00 €
Doctoral Students and Post-Docs from Russia	Germany	1,000.00 €	44.00 €
Advanced Scientists from Russia (teaching visits)	Germany	2,000.00 €	89.00 €
Scientist participating in conferences	Germany		89.00 €
Participant (graduates) of Summer Schools	Russia	150.00 € per week	
Participant (graduates) of Summer Schools	Germany	250.00 € per week	

### 2. Travel Expenses

	Visit to	European part	Asian part
Graduates from Germany*	Russia	275.00 €	675.00 €
Postdocs and Advanced Scientists from Germany*	Russia	325.00 €	850.00 €
Graduates, Doctoral Students, Postdocs, and Advanced Scientists from Russia	Germany	275.00 €	675.00 €

\* Employees of German Universities and other Research Institutes must claim their expenses according to Bundesreisekostengesetz (BRKG) and Auslandsreisekostenverordnung (ARV). Only costs for the most economical ticket (Economy Class) can be reimbursed.

### 3. Sur Place Stipends

Rate	Amount
Rate for Students from Russia	80.00 € per month