

14th Call for Proposals

Funding period: July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Deadline for submission of proposals: April 30, 2016

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

- **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 requested 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** only for outstandingly bright Russian students. **Note:** The funding of visits to Germany and Sur-place stipends must not 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 Notes

Scientific exchange between research institutions **ONLY from St. Petersburg and Berlin/Potsdam** devoted to the recently established **Priority Research Topic: "Structure and Dynamics of Nanoscopic Matter"** will receive specific preference. Proposals aiming to contribute to this Priority Research Topic are strongly encouraged and should indicate this in the proposal. Proposals from other regions in Russia and Germany cannot be considered for this proposal category.

Language skills: Candidates who participate in mobility programs funded by G-RISC must have sufficient language skills in English.

How to prepare a G-RISC proposal

Proposals must be written in English language. They must be submitted before the deadline on April 30, 2016 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 spaced, New Times Roman, 12 pt).

The following structure of the proposals is obligatory:

- Title of the project
- Contribution to Priority Research Topic "*Structure and Dynamics of Nanoscopic Matter*" (yes/no)
Note: This only applies for proposal linking research institutions from St. Petersburg and Berlin/Potsdam.
- 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 must be made according to the regulations of G-RISC and DAAD (see [Annex 1](#))
- Name of the person to be funded, qualification, age, and Email address.
- A list of references of published work funded previously by G-RISC should be submitted in an Appendix.

Further regulations

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.

Reviewing and notification

- All proposers will be notified that their proposal has been received.
- All proposals will be peer reviewed and the decision of funding is made by the binational Steering Committee of G-RISC.
- The result of the evaluation will be sent no later than June 20, 2016 to the proposers.

Annex 1: 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 Institutions must claim their expenses according to Bundesreisekostengesetz (BRKG) and Auslandsreisekostenverordnung (ARV). Only costs for the most economical transportation (Economy Class) and accommodation can be reimbursed.

3. Sur Place Stipends

Rate	Amount
Rate for Students from Russia	80.00 € per month