Leibniz Research Alumni Network

The Graduate Academy and the Alumni Office of Leibniz Universität Hannover have successfully applied for funding from the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation in order to generate an international research alumni network. Its aim is to expand international relations of Leibniz Universität Hannover and to support the interdisciplinary Leibniz Research Centers to gain further international visibility.

In the long run, a sustainable network of renowned research alumni shall be established, who - after their research stay at Leibniz Universität Hannover - engage as Leibniz Research Alumni and ambassadors for the Leibniz Universität abroad.

What are research alumni?

Research alumni are international researchers who have spent or are spending time at Leibniz Research Centres as postdocs, guest researchers or (in exceptional cases) as doctoral candidates and who continue or plan to continue their academic career outside Germany. They should also be likely to be good multipliers in their field of research.

Leibniz Research Centres are eligible to nominate research alumni who will then be appointed as Leibniz Research Alumni by the Presidential Executive Committee of Leibniz Universität Hannover. The status of Leibniz Research Alumni entitles to participating in the funding programme of the Leibniz Research Alumni Network.

This programme aims at establishing a sustainable network of research alumni which will help to enhance the international visibility of Leibniz Universität Hannover and its Research Centres. As ambassadors for Leibniz Universität Hannover at their home research institutions Leibniz Research Alumni are asked to open up mobility paths for early stage researchers and thus enhance and strengthen the international academic exchange.

What can be supported? How?

In order to facilitate these aims, we offer mobility grants. Mobility Grants are supposed to fund short term research stays of either Leibniz Research Alumni, early stage researchers from their groups or early stage researchers form the corresponding Leibniz Research Centres.

Incoming grants: PhD candidates as well as postdocs working in the group of a Leibniz Research Alumni can use an **incoming grant** to realise a research stay at a Leibniz Research Centre in Hanover.

Returning grants: Leibniz Research Alumni are eligible to use a **returning grant** for one short term research stay in Hanover for themselves – for example to attend a conference or a meeting to generate a joint application for a larger research grant.

Outgoing grants: Early stage researchers (PhD candidates or postdocs) working at a Leibniz Research Centre can apply for an **outgoing grant** if they want to pursue a research stay in the group or lab of one of the appointed Leibniz Research Alumni.

All grants are allowances for subsistence expenses and amount to 500 Euro (within Europe) and 1000 Euro (Non-European countries) respectively.

Who is eligible to apply? What are selection criteria?

All appointed Leibniz Research Alumni are eligible to apply in cooperation with their research partner at the corresponding Leibniz Research Centre. The scientific assessment of the applications falls to the Leibniz Research Centres.

What are the deadlines for application?

August 30, 2014: Deadline for the nomination of Leibniz Research Alumni

December 1, 2014 – February 28, 2016: period in which mobility grants can be used

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