

INSPIRE GRANT – PROGRAM DETAILS

PURPOSE

cfaed aims at promoting young researchers by facilitating research stays abroad.

Benefits for the awardees include gaining:

- international research experience
- inspiration for new research approaches and topics
- international visibility and contacts

cfaed will benefit in return from:

- the lively scientific exchange with other world-class research groups and (industry) labs
- open-minded scientists with international scientific view and interest
- promoting the cfaed internationally by enhancing the cluster's visibility

ELIGIBILITY

- cfaed funded PhD students, Postdocs, and RGLs as well as these groups of cfaed Associated Members

EXTENT OF FUNDING

The **INSPIRE Grant** applications will be evaluated by the cfaed Executive Board (see below) and will be granted according to their quality, duration and place of stay up to a maximum of €3.000. We handle INSPIRE Grants as “Aus- und Fortbildungsreise” according to the SächsRKG (Saxon Travel Expenses Law), thus they can cover the following costs:

- Return travel to/from host institution
- Accommodation at host location
- VISA costs
- Public transport

Additional costs that cannot be covered by the grant must be covered individually. Only one award will be made to the successful applicant.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DOCUMENTS, SUBMISSION

- Two calls for proposals per annum
- Number of granted awards per call depend on number and quality of applications
- At the time of proposal submission, applicants should have made connection with a host department and
- have identified a discipline or a research area of mutual interest for further exploration during the visit; the proposed activities to be conducted during the visit should be planned according to the focus of the applicant's research/dissertation project as well as the aspiration of the cfaed research strategy
- Application forms can be downloaded from the **cfaed sharepoint** and are available from the **Program Office** recruiting.cfaed@tu-dresden.de
- Proposals must include the following:
 - ✓ Motivation and Goals, time and work schedule
 - ✓ Letter of support by the responsible cfaed investigator or group leader
 - ✓ Invitation by the host institute
 - ✓ Budget Plan / Pre-calculation of your travel expenses

Incomplete applications cannot be taken into consideration.

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SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

- Applications will be screened by the cfaed **Executive Board** based on the following criteria:
 - ✓ **Quality and Innovativeness:** what can be accomplished that is new or innovative
 - ✓ **Impact:** value of the planned research stay to personal research; to group, to publications, to cfaed research strategy, to network extension
 - ✓ **Interdisciplinarity:** impact to cross-discipline research in the spirit of cfaed
 - ✓ **Involvement/Commitment to cfaed:** up until now
 - ✓ **Passion:** genuine, demonstrable passion for your subject
- Eligible applicants not selected may respond to future calls for application

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

- A post-visit report and/or presentation of proposal, stay abroad, and findings shall be presented at a cfaed event – awardees should present their inspirational story and share it with the cluster

ADMINISTRATION and ORGANIZATION

- Program Office will provide support with travel preparations and administration
- Announcement of awardees publicly and in cfaed Newsletter and Updates