

Research Exchange Programme - Q&A

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Questions

1. Does the letter of employment (including the end date of the work contract) need to be issued by the host institute in Germany or the home institution?
2. How many participants can be support for short-term research visits?
3. Is is possible to apply as a graduate student or will only PhD students be considered?
4. Do I need to confirm with a supervisor at the German host institution prior to submitting my application?
5. Does the exchange programme involve conducting a full research project in the span of time, or is the programme designed as a mentorship?

Answers

1. The letter of employment needs to be issued by the home institution. Specifically, throughout the stay at the host institution, researchers must still be employed at their home institute and continue to receive their salaries during the visit. The research exchange and financial support will not be undertaken as an employment at the host institute.
2. Up to three short-term research stays can be financed, depending on the quality of the applications received.
3. Graduate students are welcome to apply as well. However, decisions on who to finance will be made upon competitive selection. PhD students will be prioritised over graduate students.
4. No. We will forward applications to the German host institution you specified in the application and will coordinate with host supervisors upon acceptance.
5. The programme can take many forms and is what you make of it! Please outline your research plan and desires in your cover letter so we can best assess how we can facilitate your exchange and make it fruitful and successful for you.