



Call for Applications Academic Year 2021/2022: Site Visits and Joint Activities of Doctoral Groups

The **Arqus University Alliance** is a cooperation between the Universities of Bergen, Granada, Graz, Leipzig, Lyon¹, Padua, and Vilnius, which is funded by the European Commission.

Among other activities, Arqus will support **joint doctoral training** within the group of partner universities by enabling **site visits and joint activities**. Eligible are **doctoral groups with a common research topic** that offer a structured training programme for their doctoral candidates.

Arqus has identified the following possible **research topics** where joint activities for doctoral candidates could be implemented:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cancer Research
- Changing Societies
- Digital Humanities
- European Cultural Heritage
- Global Change/Climate Change/Biodiversity
- Healthy Aging
- Human Brain
- Surface Science/Smart Materials

Additionally, applications by doctoral groups from **other research areas with substantial overlap** within the ARQUS alliance are welcome.

Doctoral groups are invited to apply for site visits and joint activities together with their selected partner(s) from the Arqus Alliance. **Site visits/networking activities serve the purpose of initiating future joint projects** (third-party funded project applications, summer schools, etc.). **Joint activities** are for example **research seminars** and **workshops** addressing **innovative methodologies and theories**.

Site visits and joint activities may also include the participation in one of the **Arqus Research Focus Forums** or one of the **Arqus R & I workshops**.

Arqus provides **travel grants** (incl. accommodation for a **3–5 days stay**) for **3 to 5 doctoral candidates plus 1 to 2 senior researcher/s per doctoral group (max. 7,000€ per doctoral group)**.

The Arqus funding can be either used for a site visit/joint activity of a doctoral group from the respective home university at one of the Arqus partner universities or for an invitation for a site visit/joint activity of a doctoral group from one of the Arqus partner universities at the home institution.

Application deadline: 15.11.2021

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Funding period: The site visit/joint activity must be carried out **between 1 January and 30 September 2022.**

The **application form** is available here: <https://www.ral.uni-leipzig.de/en/research-academy-leipzig/news-portal/newsdetail/artikel/aktuelle-ausschreibungen-der-europaeischen-hochschulallianz-arqus-2021-08-23/>

Please email a scan of your signed application, with the required attachments, to kornelia.ehrlich@zv.uni-leipzig.de.

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