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 ARQUUS 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

¹ Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Université Jean Monnet at Saint-Etienne.
**Funding period:** The site visit/joint activity must be carried out **between 1 January and 30 September 2022.**


Please email a scan of your signed application, with the required attachments, to [kornelia.ehrlich@zv.uni-leipzig.de](mailto:kornelia.ehrlich@zv.uni-leipzig.de).

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