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Call for Applications Academic Year 2020/2021 Postdocs/Doctoral Researchers Mentoring Stays/E-Mentoring¹ Partnerships at ARQUS Partner Universities

Background and aim

The ARQUS European University Alliance is a cooperation between the Universities of Bergen, Granada, Graz, Leipzig, Lyon², Padua, and Vilnius. It is funded by the European Commission. High quality mentoring of doctoral and postdoctoral researchers is one of the main objectives of the ARQUS career development scheme. Among many activities, ARQUS aims to foster careers of early stage researchers. To this end, it has established a series of mentoring and support measures. One of their key elements are mentoring stays at partner universities, which are a key part of a programme (cf. below for the e-mentoring version), offering high-quality mentoring to doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

ARQUS will support **mentoring stays of 3 days at one of the Arqus partner universities for 3 doctoral and postdoctoral researcher at ARQUS partner universities** to have personal mentoring sessions with experienced researchers and learn more about their research environment.

Terms of application

Before submitting the application, it is necessary **for the mentee to establish contact** with an experienced researcher from their field of research at one of the [ARQUS universities](#).

The experienced researcher agrees via signing an invitation/confirmation letter to serve as mentor and, after the mentee submitted the documents and the funds have been granted, to host the mentee during their visit.

For details about the application procedure please refer to the application form. After the formal mentoring relationship has ended, a wrap-up questionnaire is to be filled out by mentor and mentee alike.

Funding

ARQUS covers the expenses (real costs) for **3 (stay) plus 2 (travel time) days with a total funding of max. € 1.000 per person.**

Visit

After funding is granted, the mentee arranges the visit in accordance with the dates/activities mentioned in the application, together with the host and/or their organising team. A mandatory activity is the mentoring meeting with the mentor to discuss subject-specific as well as career-related topics. ARQUS provides recommendations and templates for this meeting. Furthermore, the stay may consist of personal meetings with the research team of the mentor (doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, other experienced researchers), a presentation of the PhD/postdoc project (e.g. in a research seminar, etc.) and/or other research and career related activities.

ARQUS particularly encourages applications combining the mentoring visit with other ARQUS activities such as a Summer or Winter School, research events, workshops, etc.

Please note: It is not possible to receive double funding for combining two different activities.

E-Mentoring in case of Covid19-related travel restrictions

In case of travel restrictions ARQUS will support doctoral and postdoctoral researchers at ARQUS partner universities in building mentoring partnerships with experienced researchers and broaden their international

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² Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Université Jean Monnet at Saint-Etienne and Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (ENS)



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network while staying at home. ARQUS e-mentoring is an online-based adaption of the mentoring programme. It aims at maintaining international networking opportunities despite travel restrictions. **The mentoring is conducted via communication tools such as e-mail and video/phone meetings.**

The travel funding granted to the mentee is re-purposed and used to finance coaching sessions intended to facilitate efficient online communication and goal setting for an online-based mentoring relationship.

The e-mentoring consists of two mandatory e-meetings between mentor and mentee to discuss subject-specific and career-related topics as well as two meetings of both mentoring partners with a specialised mentoring coach to start and finish the process.

ARQUS covers the expenses (real costs) for the two coaching sessions at the start and finish of the mentoring process. Also, a further funding can be available for professional development, e. g. a webinar, in which mentor and mentee may participate together or a training or coaching session for the mentee regarding issues identified in the mentoring relationship.

The mentoring stay must be carried out until September 30, 2022.

Application deadline: October 31 , 2020

The application form with a template for the confirmation of invitation/confirmation of e-mentoring is available [HERE](#).

Please mail a scan of your application as well as the confirmation of invitation/confirmation of e-mentoring to arqus@uib.no.

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