

## MAPEX PhD Research Grant - outgoing

The MAPEX Center for Materials and Processes invites **doctoral candidates of MAPEX members** to apply for short-term research grants to spend a limited period of time (one week to one month) at an international research institution. Outgoing doctoral candidates can receive travel and subsistence support for activities that clearly contribute to an added value of their research and career development, such as additional experiments, instrumental training, interdisciplinary projects and cooperation, or networking in the respective scientific community.

### ELIGIBILITY:

The grants are eligible to doctoral candidates (and master students close to graduation) supervised by a MAPEX Principal Investigator, Associated Investigator or Early Career Investigator. The host institution should be located outside of Germany.

### CONDITIONS:

Funding up to 2300 € is available for activities lasting a minimum of one week and a maximum of one month.

The grants include a contribution to:

- (1) the **travel costs** for a return trip along the least expensive route;
- (2) a country specific **allowance for subsistence expenses**.

The sum of (1) and (2) is limited in all cases to a **maximum of 2300 €**.

The flat rates of the [DAAD Congress Travel Program](#) will be used as a basis for calculating the maximum funding amount. Please include a calculation of the expected total travel and subsistence costs in your proposal and, if applicable, explain how you plan to finance possible additional costs. In case of funding, the application and financial settlement of the business trip is done via the business travel unit of the University of Bremen.

After their research stay the candidates must provide a short written report (1 to 2 A4 pages) to the MAPEX Center for Materials and Processes. Furthermore, they must provide a short paragraph summarizing their experience and a picture for the MAPEX website.

### PROCEDURE:

**Applications** need to be submitted in electronic form (see below) to the MAPEX executive board, represented by its science manager, Dr. Hanna Lührs, no later than **one month before** the envisaged start of the research stay.

A commission appointed by the MAPEX executive committee will decide whether to fund the proposal or not, depending on the scientific qualification of the candidate, the quality of the proposed project and availability of funding. Precedence is given to PhD candidates whose supervisor has not yet benefitted from an outgoing MAPEX Research Grant for members of her/his group.

The result of the proposal assessment and the amount of granted funds will be communicated to the applicant usually within three weeks after the deadline for submission.

## APPLICATION:

Please create a single PDF document comprising the following documents:

1. Text of the proposal following the guideline and not exceeding two A4 pages (references and calculation of costs may be added on a third page)
2. Proof that you are actively pursuing a PhD (MSc) at the University of Bremen.
3. Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications and conference contributions.
4. Letter of recommendation of your PhD (MSc) supervisor.
5. Letter of recommendation from the host, including a statement confirming that the facilities and the workspace needed to realize the proposed project will be available from the start and for the entire period of the envisaged stay.
6. A signed declaration that
  - the candidate agrees to adhere to the standard rules of good scientific practice, as set for instance by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.
  - in case of publication of results obtained during the research stay, funding through the MAPEX PhD research grant will be explicitly acknowledged.

**Only those applications which comply with the formal rules will be considered for funding.**

Complete applications need to be submitted by email to:

Dr. Hanna Lührs

[mapex@uni-bremen.de](mailto:mapex@uni-bremen.de)

[www.mapex.uni-bremen.de](http://www.mapex.uni-bremen.de)

Quarterly deadlines for submission are available [online](#).