GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUNDERS OF THE MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS

- What is the mobility tool about?

The Baltic Science Network Mobility Programme for Research Internships (BARI) has three objectives:

1. To raise the awareness of the future researcher generation in international cooperation within the Baltic Sea Region
2. To provide doctoral candidates with additional skills (intercultural skills, language skills, personal management competencies) which are of prime importance in the global workplace
3. To support high quality research projects.

BARI offers students from Baltic Sea Region countries¹ the opportunity to complete an international research internship of up to three months at a university or research institution in one of these countries. While working closely together with a PhD student they experience day-to-day research in an ambitious research project. Their hosts profit by getting valuable support in their work. This will create a win-win-situation for both partners, going far beyond the exchange of knowledge and including valuable international and intercultural experiences.

The research internships cover photon and neutron sciences, life sciences and welfare state, research areas with especially large potentials within the Baltic Sea Region.² BSN will collect the internship offers, promote them within the Baltic Sea Region and organise the application and the matching processes. Setting up such a marketplace of research opportunities opens a spectrum of scientific cooperation, learning experiences and international contacts which cannot be provided by an individual institution.

- What is needed now are supporters who will enable the students to make use of these promising opportunities

BARI is an open system which can easily integrate the specific interests of potential supporters: universities, research team leaders, funding agencies and governmental agencies. Supporters can earmark their funding to specific countries, specific institutions or disciplines. Hence this programme can be used as a strategic tool to strengthen the cooperation between institutions and to internationalize the training of future researchers.

- Who could be potential scholarship funders?

This funding tool is of interest for various possible funders, e.g.:

1. Funding agencies who want to increase the general exchange und interaction of future researchers within the BSR.
2. Countries who want to strengthen their international network with other countries within the BSR.
3. Universities and research institutions who want to broaden the international perspective of their students and PhD candidates as well as their cooperation with foreign institutions.
4. Universities and research institutions who want to promote their research facilities and to recruit future doctoral candidates from other countries.

¹ Defined as members of the Council of the Baltic Sea States: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Russia and the observer member Belarus.
• How much support is needed?

An average duration of 2 months is expected for each internship but they will vary according to the needs of the individual programme and the time availability of the students and their hosts. In order to enable students to realise their travel plans a minimum amount of 600 EUR per month (recommended amount: 800 EUR) is needed to cover every day costs, as well as a lump sum travel subsidy of 300 EUR. We expect that on average about 1,900 Euro will be needed to support an individual student. The number of students who are supported will be adjusted to the total support which can be provided by the individual funder.

• What are the target groups?

a) Outgoing – scholarships for the funder’s country/university students (studying at bachelor’s or master’s degree level studies) who complete an internship in another Baltic Sea Region country;

b) Incoming - scholarships for students from other Baltic Sea Region countries who complete an internship at the funder’s country/institution

c) Both outgoing and incoming students.

Funding can also be targeted to specific disciplines.

• Planned schedule for the programme

February 2020:

PhD students who are affiliated with an accredited academic institution or a non-profit research institution within the BSR, will submit research internship offers in the fields of photon and neutron sciences, life sciences or welfare state. The research internships will refer to the topics of their doctoral work.

March 2020

Bachelor or master students apply for the internships which correspond to their personal interests. They should be currently enrolled at a university/college in a BSR country as a full-time student and they must prove that they will maintain the student status at their home institution during the internship.

April 2020

The hosting PhD student reviews the students’ applications, and BSN matches the students to their project based on a set of ranking criteria.

June to October 2020

The students realise their internship at a host institution of their choice, the exact timing will be coordinated between the student and his/her host.

The availability of financial support is the precondition for the matching of a student with his/her host. For this reason, there is an urgent need to identify the scholarship funders as soon as possible and in every case before March 2020.

• Further information

Please check our website at: https://www.baltic-science.org/bari

Please contact: Ms. Franziska Jerosch (Franziska.jerosch@bwfg.hamburg.de) for discussing your specific requirements, the financial terms and the processing of your offer.

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3 With an average of two months scholarship duration and a well-equipped scholarship total costs per one scholarship are in total about 1,900 EUR (2x800 EUR+1x300 EUR).