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Call for Applications Academic Year 2019/2020: 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.

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). Only outgoing doctoral groups will receive funding via ARQUS, e.g. a doctoral group from Leipzig going to Padua will receive funding from the ARQUS budget of Leipzig University.

It's strongly recommended that the site visit is agreed with the partner before the application is submitted.

In view of the current situation, the selection panel decided that the **granted funding will remain valid until September 30, 2021**.

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NEW Application deadline: June 26, 2020

The application form is available on the following <https://www.unipd.it/en/arqus-calls>.

Please mail a scan of your application to phd@unipd.it

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