



Young Scientists Support: BiK-F research exchange program

Support of young scientists is an important aim of the 'Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre' (BiK-F). To this purpose, BiK-F promotes scientific exchange programs between various research groups nationwide, as well as internationally. BiK-F offers short-term exchange support (up to 3 months) for:

- i) junior BiK-F researchers wishing to deepen their expertise within national/international institutions (**BiK-Net: Outgoing**)
- ii) junior national/international external researchers wishing to conduct their research at BiK-F (**BiK-Net: Incoming**)

NB: This exchange program should not be regarded as a bridging scheme and/or financial device for those completing a project and close to starting another.

Details:

i) BiK-Net: Outgoing

Target group: BiK-F researches

Duration of stay: 1 to 3 months

Financial support: Up to 2,000 € for the first month and 1,500 €, each, for the second and third month. The financial support covers living costs as well as travel and other scientific expenses. Such support must comply with the Hessian travel expenses law. Foreseen travel expenses must beforehand be approved by the BiK-F's Executive Committee.

Application: Outgoing researchers should send their application to the BiK-F's Executive Committee, upon agreement with the project leader of the host institution. Application should not exceed 2 pages and include a statement of research purpose, with indication of expected travel and other expenses. Moreover, an invitation letter must be provided by the host

institution. The application has to be submitted at least two months ahead of starting date. Applicants commit to the provision of a short scientific report (see below) as well as a report with envisaged travel and other expenses.

Report: At the latest one month after end- stay, a two-page report describing results must be submitted.

ii) BiK-Net: Incoming

Target group: National and international researchers with proved interests in the BiK-F research centre and its projects (no members / employees of BiK-F!)

Duration of stay: 1 to 3 months

Financial support: Up to 2,000 € for the first month and 1,500 €, each, for the second and third month. The financial support covers living costs as well as travel and other scientific expenses. Such support must comply with the Hessian travel expenses law. Foreseen travel expenses must beforehand be approved by the BiK-F's Executive Committee.

The funding may not exceed the documented (by the tickets) travel costs plus the cost of living.

Application: Incoming researchers should send their application to the BiK-F's Executive Committee, upon agreement with the BiK-F project leader. Application should not exceed 2 pages and include a statement of research purpose, with indication of expected travel and other expenses. The application has to be submitted at least two months ahead of starting date. Applicants commit to the provision of a short scientific report (see below) as well as a report with envisaged travel and other expenses.

Report: At the latest one month after end- stay, a two-page report describing results must be submitted.