INSPIRE GRANT — PROGRAM DETAILS

PURPOSE
cfaed aims at promoting young researchers by facilitating research stays abroad.

Benefits for the awardees include gaining:
• international research experience
• inspiration for new research approaches and topics
• international visibility and contacts

cfaed will benefit in return from:
• the lively scientific exchange with other world-class research groups and (industry) labs
• open-minded scientists with international scientific view and interest
• promoting the cfaed internationally by enhancing the cluster’s visibility

ELIGIBILITY
• cfaed funded PhD students, Postdocs, and RGLs as well as these groups of cfaed Associated Members

EXTENT OF FUNDING
The INSPIRE Grant applications will be evaluated by the cfaed Executive Board (see below) and will be granted according to their quality, duration and place of stay up to a maximum of €3,000. We handle INSPIRE Grants as “Aus- und Fortbildungsreise” according to the SächsRKG (Saxon Travel Expenses Law), thus they can cover the following costs:
• Return travel to/from host institution
• Accommodation at host location
• VISA costs
• Public transport

Additional costs that cannot be covered by the grant must be covered individually. Only one award will be made to the successful applicant.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DOCUMENTS, SUBMISSION
• Two calls for proposals per annum
• Number of granted awards per call depend on number and quality of applications
• At the time of proposal submission, applicants should have made connection with a host department and
• have identified a discipline or a research area of mutual interest for further exploration during the visit;
the proposed activities to be conducted during the visit should be planned according to the focus of the applicant’s research/dissertation project as well as the aspiration of the cfaed research strategy
• Application forms can be downloaded from the cfaed sharepoint and are available from the
Program Office recruiting.cfaed@tu-dresden.de
• Proposals must include the following:
  ✓ Motivation and Goals, time and work schedule
  ✓ Letter of support by the responsible cfaed investigator or group leader
  ✓ Invitation by the host institute
  ✓ Budget Plan / Pre-calculation of your travel expenses

Incomplete applications cannot be taken into consideration.
SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

- Applications will be screened by the cfaed Executive Board based on the following criteria:
  - **Quality and Innovativeness**: what can be accomplished that is new or innovative
  - **Impact**: value of the planned research stay to personal research; to group, to publications, to cfaed research strategy, to network extension
  - **Interdisciplinarity**: impact to cross-discipline research in the spirit of cfaed
  - **Involvement/Commitment to cfaed**: up until now
  - **Passion**: genuine, demonstrable passion for your subject

Eligible applicants not selected may respond to future calls for application.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

- A post-visit report and/or presentation of proposal, stay abroad, and findings shall be presented at a cfaed event – awardees should present their inspirational story and share it with the cluster.

ADMINISTRATION and ORGANIZATION

- Program Office will provide support with travel preparations and administration
- Announcement of awardees publicly and in cfaed Newsletter and Updates