

Travel grants for PhD research fellows at the faculty of Science and technology

Information about the grant

The grant is given for stays of duration 2 - 6 months. One PhD student can only receive grants for ONE stay during his/hers PhD period. No grants are allocated for homeward journeys during the stay abroad.

The scholarships rules and rates are identical to the rules and rates applicable for permanent scientific staff at UiT on sabbatical year.

The monthly grant has to cover establishment- and additional expenditures with the stay abroad.

The application must include information about potential other funds applied for or if “annum” or other external project funds are being used for funding the stay abroad.

Who can apply

The grant is reserved for PhD research fellows in science at the Faculty of Science and Technology who has UiT as their employer and PhD students who are financed from sources without the possibility of travel grants. The grants is not given to students with funding from the Norwegian Research Council or other external funding sources which could potentially have yielded a travel grant. The grant is for PhD students in their second or third study year.

Recommendation from the department

Since all PhD research fellows has a teaching load, the department must be noted well ahead about plans to stay abroad.

The application form should be signed by the head of the department. Applications without signatures will be returned.

The following documentation is required attached to the application:

- *The aim of the stay abroad and the relevance for the PhD project*

The application must provide a good scientific basis for the stay abroad, and how this will affect with the work on the thesis. The application must include a timeline for the stay abroad.

- *Recommendation from the supervisor*

The recommendation should include a scientific evaluation of the value of the stay abroad for the PhD student. Also the PhD student's progress must be evaluated against the request for a stay abroad. Which relevance does the stay abroad have for the research project. Also, the reasons for the chosen host institution/research community must be stated.

- *Invitation from the host institution /research community*

Criteria for ranging amongst the applicants:

1. The stay abroad will be completed during the second or third study year.
2. The supervisor's scientific evaluation of the stay abroad is of high importance. The supervisor's assessment of how the progress in the study fit with the stay abroad should be taken into consideration.
3. The applicant's progress compared to the original study plan should be taken into consideration.
4. The collaboration with the host institution

Reporting

After ended time abroad the faculty request a short report (1-2- pages) about the stay abroad. The report should describe the scientific benefit of the stay. It should also describe further collaboration with the host institution.

The report must be submitted to the faculty at the end of the stay.