Programme and Application Information: “Konstanzia MEiN – Mentoring with Experts and international Networking“ 2021

Konstanzia MEiN is a mentoring programme within the Konstanzia Programme designed to encourage young female researchers to develop an academic career by gaining international experience and extending a professional network at an early stage of career. It includes a mentoring with a renowned international researcher and accompanying workshops.

1. Target group

Applications are open to female doctoral students (enrolled doctoral students, employed doctoral students, doctoral students with a scholarship/grant) working at the University of Konstanz and who fulfill all of the following criteria:
- The applicant intends to pursue a scientific career.
- The applicant is willing to spend time and engagement in the programme by participating in mentoring, training and network meetings.

Researchers with children or other special family obligations will be given preference.

2. Programme Modules

The Konstanzia MEiN programme consists of three modules:
- Mentoring with an mentor abroad / visiting the mentors lab for 2 to maximum 8 weeks (mandatory)
- Workshops: Networking, communication, positioning and strategic career planning (mandatory)
- Peer meetings: Round table once per semester (optional)

3. Travelling Conditions

The conditions and possibilities for travelling in 2021 are not predictable. In the case that a planned stay abroad is not possible, based on the external circumstances, an individual solution for a postponement to a later date can be agreed individually.

4. Expenses

- The costs for the workshops and the peer meetings will be covered by the programme.
- The costs for the stay abroad will be covered up to a maximum of 2.000 € by the programme.

5. Programme Duration

The programme runs from January 1st 2021 to December 31th 2021.
6. Application

The application may be written in German or English. Please visit the following site to apply and upload your application: www.uni.kn/rgf/mein

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<td>1 – Letter of Motivation</td>
<td>Contains a comprehensible statement regarding why you are applying for the MEIN programme, an outline of the goals that you intend to achieve and an explanation how the programme will support you in your plans. Please outline clearly what you expect from your mentor, your visit and topics that you want to discuss with your mentor concerning career aspects. And please tell how the included workshops and networking with your peer group could support you. Statements should not exceed one page and should be clearly written and focused on your personal situation.</td>
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<td>2 – Mentor</td>
<td>Name, postal address and institution of the mentor Mentoring Agreement Duration of the stay (min 2, max 8 weeks)</td>
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<td>3 – Calculation of the costs</td>
<td>Estimated costs including: - Accommodation costs (not the costs for meals or daily allowance) - Transfer to and from the airport - Flight - Transfer between host university and accommodation - Visa - Fees for guest students - Travelling costs to conferences (if they are part of the mentorship during the stay abroad) - Foreign health insurance</td>
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<td>4 – Letter of Support Supervisor</td>
<td>E-Mail or letter of the supervisor that she or he supports the participation in the MEIN programme and the stay at the mentors university / lab</td>
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<td>5 – CV</td>
<td>With publication list If applicable: Reference to potential impediments to research or other extenuating circumstances (e.g., illness, disability, parental leave, care time)</td>
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<td>6 – Attachments</td>
<td>Copy of Masters Degree Copy of working contract at the university or enrolment certificate or confirmation of award of a scholarship/grant) If applicable: Copy of birth certificate of children</td>
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7. Application and Review Process

All applicants should contact Gudrun Damm to clarify whether they are eligible for the MEIN programme and how to determine the choice of potential mentor. Submitted applications are checked for completeness. Applications are preselected based on the applicant’s motivation and (if necessary) interviews followed by an evaluation by the selection committee (Equal Opportunity Council chaired by the Vice Rector). All applicants will be contacted by Gudrun Damm after the decision.

8. Contact

Interested doctoral students should contact Gudrun Damm (gudrun.damm@uni.kn)