Program and Application Information:
“MEiN – Mentoring with Experts and international Networking“ 2020

MEiN is a mentoring program designed to encourage female scientists to develop an academic career by gaining international experience, extending a professional network at an early stage of the career. It includes a mentoring with renowned international researchers 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) - tied to one of the following departments: Psychology, History/Sociology, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, Law, Economics or Politics and Public Administration or - working in collaborative research projects (Exzellenzcluster, Research Training Group, Graduate School, Collaborative Research Center)

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 program by participating in mentoring, training and network meetings.

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

2. Program Modules

The MEiN program 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. Expenses

- The costs for the workshops and the peer meetings will be covered by the program.
- The costs for the stay abroad will be covered for a maximum of 2.000 € by the program.
- Applicants of the research projects have special conditions. Please contact sandra.weimer@uni.kn

4. Program Duration

The program runs from December, 1st 2019 to December, 31th 2020.
5. 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](http://www.uni.kn/rgf/mein)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parts</th>
<th>Details und Requirements</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 – Letter of Motivation</td>
<td>Contains a comprehensible statement regarding why you are applying for the MEiN program, an outline of the goals you intend to achieve and an explication how the program could support you in your plans. Please outline clearly what you expect from your mentor, your visit and what you want to discuss with your mentor concerning career aspects. And please tell us, why the included workshops and the 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>
</tr>
<tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 – Calculation of the costs</td>
<td>Estimated costs including: - Accommodation costs (not the costs for meals) - 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>
</tr>
<tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 – Attachments</td>
<td>Copy of Master Degree Copy of working contract at the university or enrolment certificate or confirmation of the award of a scholarship/grant If applicable: Copy of birth certificate of children</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6. Application and Review Process

All applicants should contact Gudrun Damm to clarify whether they meet the preconditions for the MEiN program and how to determine the choice of potential mentor. After Submission all applications are subsequently checked for completeness (Gudrun Damm). Applications are preselected based on the applicant’s motivation and (if necessary) interviews followed by an evaluation by Selection Committee (Board of Equal Opportunities chaired by the Vice Rector). After the decisions are made all applicants are contacted by Gudrun Damm.

7. Contact

Interested doctoral students should contact

**Gudrun Damm** (gudrun.damm@uni.kn, Tel. 88-4780)

Interested doctoral students from the research projects should contact

**Sandra Weimer** (sandra.weimer@uni.kn)