



Institute	Geography	Geophysics & Meteorology	Geology & Mineralogy
Applicant's name (doctoral candidate)			
Applicant's address			
Applicant's phone and e-mail		Phone:	E-mail:
Title of doctoral research project			
Applicant's doctoral degree		Exam date:	tick if this is the <u>expected</u> date
Funding period applied for		Start:	End:
CV		Please attach CV	
Publication prospect			
Future project funding / career steps. Specify any funding you have applied or are planning to apply for (outside the GSGS). Alternatively, describe your next planned career steps.		Funding agency: decision pending, expected by/ funding granted from	
Date & signature of applicant		I have accrued a minimum of 5 GSGS points per semester	
Supporting statement by advisor			
Advisor's name and signature			

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Date & signature GSGS spokesperson for approval				yes	duration /amount						
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Guidelines for proposals for GSGS fellowship grants 2018A

In 2018, the Graduate School on Geosciences (GSGS) will offer **fellowship grants** to excellent doctoral candidates of the GSGS whose funding has terminated, or is about to terminate, and who are either in the final phase of their doctoral project or have recently defended their thesis.

The **aim** of GSGS fellowship grants is to support talented young researchers while they write up additional publications, apply for external funding in their research field of interest, and/or seek employment. In this way, further publications can be secured for the Department, and young postdoctoral researchers can be supported.

Prerequisites - Applications can be made between from 6 month before to 4 months after the termination of the funding of the applicant's doctoral research project.

Applicants need to show that they have accrued a minimum of 5 GSGS points on average per semester since 1st October 2014. GSGS points for any valid activity between 1st January and 30th September 2014 can be added to the points in winter semester 2014/15. For details of GSGS points, which activities count towards them and how to apply, please consult <http://www.geosciences.uni-koeln.de/12702.html>

Funding - Successful applicants are awarded a TV-L-E13 (50%) position for a maximum funding period of 6 months. Usually, the end date entered on the application form cannot be shifted backward. Since funding for such grants from Excellence Initiative funds runs out at the end of December, 2018, this is the last call for Fellowship Grant applications that is currently planned and no payments can be made after this date.

Application procedure - To apply for a GSGS fellowship grant 2018A, a complete application should be submitted to the GSGS manager by post using the application form overleaf. Please use typescript wherever possible. If you do not hand-deliver your application, also provide an electronic version (scan of the form with the two signatures) by the deadline to circumvent possible delays in the university's postal system. The applicant's **advisor** needs to provide a support statement and sign the application.

The application **deadline is the 11th October, 2017.**

The selection process - After an initial assessment of their completeness, and of the eligibility of the applicant, by the GSGS manager, all applications of an institute are forwarded to the respective institute representatives on the GSGS Steering Committee, who take care that the applications are ranked.

The selection criteria are: 1) the excellence of the candidate, proven by his/her track record; 2) clarity of the proposal; 3) career plan and funding outlook.

The final decision on the distribution of funds lies with the Steering Committee and is subject to the availability of funds. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection procedure within a month after the application deadline.

After approval - Successful applicants will receive their grant payments through the GSGS. The GSGS manager will make the necessary administrative arrangements. It is the recipient's responsibility to provide all necessary information in a timely manner to allow a smooth application process.

Fellowship grant recipients are expected 1) to participate actively in fostering the next generation of GSGS doctoral students (peer mentoring), 2) to support the GSGS through active participation, and 3) to acknowledge their fellowship grant in any scientific publication that results from this grant. Advisors of fellowship grant recipients are urged to support participation of their doctoral students in the GSGS.

Please note that successful applicants will have to submit a short report of their activities for the GSGS website using the template provided online to the GSGS by the end of their GSGS grant, preferably by e-mail to gradschool-geosci@uni-koeln.de.

Should you have any questions regarding GSGS fellowship grants, please feel free to contact the GSGS manager, Dr Karin Boessenkool (gradschool-geosci@uni-koeln.de; phone: 0221 470 5925).