



Institute	Geography	Geophysics & Meteorology	Geology & Mineralogy
Applicant's name (potential doctoral candidate)			Matriculation No.
Applicant's address			
Applicant's phone No. and e-mail address	Phone:	E-mail:	
Applicant's degree	Master's Diploma	Subject: Exam date:	tick if this is the <u>expected</u> date
Transcript(s) of records (Bachelor+Master / Diploma)	Please attach your transcript(s) of records		
CV	Please attach your CV		
Proposed title of your research project			
Funding period applied for (max. 9 month)	Start:	End:	
Main project aim			
Future project funding. Specify any funding you have / your advisor has applied for (outside the GSGS).	Funding agency: Decision pending, expected by _____ Funding granted from _____ yes no The proposed grant will cover the student's salary for 3 years:		
Date & applicant's signature	<u>X</u> _____		
Supporting statement by advisor			
Advisor's name and signature	<u>X</u> _____		

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Guidelines for proposals for GSGS start-up honours grants

The Graduate School of Geosciences (GSGS) offers start-up honours grants to very promising potential doctoral candidates. The aim of GSGS start-up honours grants is to support talented young researchers while they apply for external funding in their research field of interest and learn via strong support by experienced researchers how to write research proposals. In this way, excellent master graduates can be kept, or attracted, to pursue a doctorate in the Department of Geosciences of the University of Cologne. Start-up honours grants are advertised internationally.

Funding

Successful applicants are awarded a “*wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft*” (WHK) position for 19h/week for a maximum funding period of 9 months. On request, the grant can also be awarded in the form of a stipend according to guideline No 2.22 of the “*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft*” (DFG; see http://www.dfg.de/formulare/2_22/2_22.pdf). The maximum typical funding period remains 9 months.

Since funding for such grants from Excellence Initiative funds runs out at the end of December, 2018, this is the last call for Start-up Honours Grant applications that is currently planned and no payments can be made after this date.

Application procedure

To apply for a GSGS Start-up Honours Grant, a complete paper application must be submitted to the GSGS manager using the application form overleaf. Please use typescript wherever possible. The applicant’s **prospective advisor** needs to provide a support statement and sign the application. 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 receipt of your application will be acknowledged by email as soon as possible.

The application **deadline is 11th of October 2017**.

The selection process

After an initial assessment of their completeness 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 quality of the candidate, proven by his or her marks; 2) motivation of the candidate; 3) clarity of the proposal; 4) shown comprehension/knowledge of the field.

The final decision of the distribution of funds, and of the funding awarded to each successful applicant, 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 generally within 1.5 months.

After approval

Successful applicants will receive their grant through the GSGS. The GSGS manager will make the necessary administrative arrangements. It is the recipient’s responsibility to provide all necessary information (including proof of completion of Master studies) in a timely manner to allow a smooth application process.

Start-up honours grant recipients are expected to be active members of the GSGS both during the time of their grant and during any following PhD project at the UoC. Advisors of start-up honours 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 (max. 1 page A4, including a picture) to the GSGS manager within a month after end of their GSGS grant, preferably by e-mail to gradschool-geosci@uni-koeln.de.