

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
GERMAN-FINNISH RESEARCHER TRAINING COOPERATION
BETWEEN
DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGSGEMEINSCHAFT E.V. (DFG)
AND
ACADEMY OF FINLAND (AF)

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) and the Academy of Finland (AF) (hereinafter referred to as “the parties”), with a view to support joint researcher training initiatives between German and Finnish Research Training Groups and Graduate Schools, respectively, have agreed to implement the German-Finnish Researcher Training Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “the program”) as follows:

Article I (Purpose)

The purpose of this program is to enhance internationalization in researcher training, create joint researcher training initiatives, increase mobility and enhance quality of researcher training at German and Finnish universities. The collaboration also aims at broadening of the scope of the researcher training by providing complementary knowledge and expertise of the partners.

Article II (Activities supported)

The program will support the following activities conducted between the partners to build joint researcher training initiatives:

- (1) Creating joint courses for PhD students in joint doctoral programs
- (2) Exchange of PhD students within the program
- (3) Holding joint seminars and workshops for doctoral students
- (4) Planning and coordination of the joint activities
- (5) Meetings of the supervisors

Article III (Implementation framework)

- (1) The parties bear the costs of the exchange of PhD students from their own country (under Article II, 2). These costs may include for example travel costs, living costs and other expenses.
- (2) In principle, each party will cover the expenses of holding joint courses, seminars and workshops in its own country (under Article II, 3).
- (3) In other cases, each party will cover the expenses of the participants from its own country.
- (4) Reporting will be requested upon completion of the funding. The reports should be submitted to both parties. Reporting is carried out according to the parties' respective rules, regulations and practices.
- (5) The parties shall conduct a posterior evaluation after separately agreed time.

Article IV (Duration)

The duration of a joint researcher training initiative will be up to 4 years.

Article V (Details of implementation)

Administrative procedures and implementation details not stipulated in this Memorandum of Understanding will be agreed to separately via correspondence. The following details of implementation are agreed:

- (1) The German and Finnish applicants should submit a joint application to both parties using a joint form provided by the parties. Applications should be written in English.
- (2) The applications are jointly evaluated by peer review according to separately agreed scientific and structural criteria.
- (3) The parties will make their funding decisions independently (and according to the parties' respective rules, regulations and practices) but taking into account the goals of the program.

Article VI (Amendment of MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by a document signed by both parties.

Article VII (Validity of MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in force for six years starting from the date of its signing. Parties may separately agree on continuation of the program in due time. This notwithstanding, either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding during its effective period by giving six months written notice to the other party.

Article VIII (Transition mechanism)

If this Memorandum of Understanding should become invalid after the validation by signing of this Memorandum of Understanding or should be terminated in accordance with the provision in Article VII, any existing activities will be continued until their scheduled completion date.

Continuation of this program beyond year one will be contingent upon the availability of parties' funds.

This Memorandum of Understanding is drawn up in English and all documents and notices and meetings pertaining to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be in English. This Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted and signed in duplicate, both copies being equally authentic.

Signed on May 15th, 2006
in Helsinki

in Bonn

for the Academy of Finland
(AF)

for the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V.
(DFG)

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