

GARNET Mobility: Final Call

This is a call for the tenth and final round of the GARNET Mobility Workpackage. The mobility programme is an important aspect of GARNET's work. It is designed to contribute to closer integration and collaboration between the different partners of the Consortium as such, but also to the deeper integration of the activities of the group as a whole.

Mobility of senior research staff is to ensure that the network can make optimal use of the expertise available in each group and at the same time avoid duplication. In particular, we intend this to contribute to the coordination of strategic research plans and research funding applications among network members. We also anticipate senior mobility to serve to complete / produce GARNET publications (including policy briefs). Senior researcher mobility is thus expected to include short visits (one or two weeks) as well as longer awards.

Next to this, mobility can be organised in support of the jointly executed research programmes. This is where the mobility of junior researchers is integral. Junior researchers are both involved in research activities, but also on learning and training curves. Emphasis will be on both short visits at key moments in the execution of joint programmes (one month), as well as longer visits (one to six months) where experts from different institutions spend some time together at one place to work together on a project – this is especially important in the current period of consolidation of findings as we come to the end of core funding.

The mobility programme has an open and competitive application procedure, whereby all researchers from Consortium members are eligible to apply for mobility to another GARNET institution (outside their home institution country). The selection committee consists of senior researchers and professors from the coordinating institutions (Warwick, UNU-CRIS and Göteborg) and one further Consortium member.

Institutions and researchers are expected to seek each other out and negotiate a project/application. A mobility package should clearly benefit the GARNET network, as well as the individual researcher and the host institution. Mobility applications should be made jointly by the researcher and the host institution; it is expected that in case of intended activity within a workpackage or joint research area, the relevant coordinator will be contacted.

The mobility programme is flexible but host institution and scholar post fellowship assessment is required. In particular, recipients of a mobility award will be required to provide a research statement to be posted on the website as well as a working paper and post-award report. The post fellowship assessment should outline how mobility contributed to integration and research collaboration and research output. These reports will be subject to consideration by the Management Committee of GARNET and will be used in the preparation of the Periodic Report of the Network.

Selection criteria

The selection will be made on the basis of a set of criteria, including:

- purpose of the mobility, and the contribution the researcher might make to a given jointly executed research activity.
- research outcomes directly linked to the mobility.
- overall quality of the individual application (qualifications and experience; quality of research proposal).
- suitability of host institution.
- support of the receiving institution(s).
- added-value for the European Research Area.

Please note that in the case of doctoral students, the committee encourages applications from researchers at the later stages of their dissertation (years 3-4). Mobility is encouraged across the GARNET network; all things being equal, junior mobility and the considerations of the GARNET Gender Action Plan are at the forefront of this workpackage.

Budget

1. Monthly Allowance, intended to cover the researcher's expenses.

The host institution, which is responsible for the financial management of the award, automatically receives a standard overhead amount to cover expenses. It is therefore not necessary for the applicant to calculate the cost of mobility to the host institution in their budget.

2. Travel: One return trip per mobility.

Total Monthly Contribution to the Mobility (upper limits)

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| <u>Junior researcher</u> (including PhD students and researchers with less than 4 years of post-PhD experience) | EUR 1500 |
| <u>Mid-term researcher</u> (4-10 years of post-PhD experience) | EUR 2000 |
| <u>Senior researcher</u> (more than 10 years post-PhD experience) | EUR 2500 |
| <u>Return travel</u> | EUR 1000 |

Application procedure:

There is no application form but application packs should follow the following template:

1. Name of applicant, institutional affiliation, position, full contact details.
2. Name of the institution to host the mobility (including the name of the senior scientist/mentor intending to oversee the mobility in the host institution).

Level of mobility fellowship (junior, mid-term, senior), duration of mobility and intended commencement date.
3. A research proposal (max 1800 words) addressing the selection criteria, including:
 - purpose of the mobility, and the contribution the researcher might make to a given GARNET jointly executed research activity or workpackage;
 - research outcomes directly linked to the mobility;
 - suitability of host institution.
4. A curriculum vitae (max 4 A4 pages).
5. A budget that takes account of the circumstances of the researcher and location of the host institution.
6. The application package should include a clear indication that the host institution supports the mobility application (please include a letter or other related material).
7. In the case of PhD students, a reference/letter from the PhD supervisor(s).

Please ensure that 1-5 are presented in one single document (word or pdf); support letters can be forwarded by email by the applicant or directly by the host institution representative and, where applicable the applicant's supervisor(s); in all cases, full contact details must be included.

Proposals for the final round are to reach the Programme Manager, Eleni Tsingou (garnet@warwick.ac.uk) by 19 June 2009.

Please note that all mobility fellowships need to be completed by 31 May 2010.