

GeoSim Career Support

Update to the announcement of 16.01.2017

(Please find the updated information highlighted in red below)

GeoSim will support its outstanding members with a fellowship of up to 12 months in order to increase their future career opportunities. The fellowship amounts to 1500 Euro per month, 100 Euro travel expenses per month, possibly supplied with family support under the same conditions as the GeoSim PhD fellowship. The time period of 6 - 12 months is intended for preparation of a scientific proposal (e.g. DFG, BMBF, etc.).

From 16.01.2017 onward individual applications will not be evaluated separately but will be collected until **three deadlines in 2017:**

1st application date: Monday, 17.04.2017 - noon

2nd application date: Monday, 26.06.2017 - noon

3rd application date: Sunday, 17.09.2017 - noon

GeoSim students whose scholarship terminates after January 2018 (including a possible 3 month contract extension for thesis finalization) will receive individual evaluation but have to state their plan to apply for career support already by the second application date (informal mail to the GeoSim coordinator: geosim@gfz-potsdam.de).

The GeoSim Selection Committee and the GeoSim Executive Board will then evaluate all applications from one application date comprehensively. Decisions on the applications will be made based on a careful evaluation of the scientific activities of the fellow as well as her/his scientific plan. The scholarships will be awarded based on a ranking. This procedure aims to make the maximum use of all still available GeoSim budget but guarantee a fair treatment at the same time.

Applications have to be submitted online, using the GeoSim application form which can be accessed (after login) via the following link: <http://www.geo-x.net/geosim/for-students/career-support/>

The GeoSim coordinator will inform the candidates ~3-4 weeks after the application deadlines on the decision.

Formal requirements:

- GeoSim member (both fellows and members with external financing)
- PhD thesis submitted to the university or submission in immediate vicinity (e.g. less than 2.5 months **or max. 3 months for the 3rd application round**).
- Strong scientific record

Required documents:

- Confirmation of the submission of the PhD thesis to the university (if thesis already submitted) OR letter from first supervisor, confirming the feasibility of the intended submission date
- Project plan (scientific objective, significance, methods; maximum 1 page) including information about the intended funding agency/program
- Time plan and requested period (6 to 12 months)
- CV (including all scientific activities e.g. publications, oral and poster presentations, teaching experience, etc.)
- Letter of recommendation from first supervisor

New Regulations on Travel Expanses/Publication Fees

(valid until 17.12.2017)

1) GeoSim offers the possibility to overtake parts of publication fees of GeoSim members, if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- GeoSim student is 1st author of the publication
- The publication is related to his or her project with GeoSim
- The paper is submitted in 2017 and the bill will be issued in 2017
- GeoSim student can prove that no other funding source was available or that the authors tried to request the reduction of publication fees at the journal directly

Applications have to be send to the GeoSim coordinator (geosim@gfz-potsdam.de). Latest application date is the 17th December 2017. If the formal requirements are fulfilled, the application will be accepted if GeoSim budget is still available. For applications requesting more than 1.500,- Euro, the application has to be approved by the GeoSim Executive Board.

Required documents:

- Statement of student's supervisor,
 - Stating why no other funding source was available
 - Stating that the authors tried to request the reduction of publication fees at the journal directly
- Confirmation of paper submission
- Information on paper title/authors/content
- Cost estimate or publication bill (please note that only bills that are send to the GeoSim coordinator prior to the 17th December 2017 can be considered!)

2) In addition, GeoSim students, still receiving a GeoSim scholarship, can use their remaining travel expanses to co-fund publication fees of their GeoSim-project related 1st author publications.

Requirements:

- An informal request including cost estimate or publication bill has to be send to the GeoSim coordinator (please note that only bills that are send to the GeoSim coordinator prior to the 17th December 2017 can be considered!).