

**Agreement on the  
JÜLICH-GEORGIA Joint Programme for Master and PhD Students  
Jointly funded by  
Forschungszentrum Jülich (JÜLICH)  
and by  
Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation (SRNSF)**

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between JÜLICH and SRNSF (Tbilisi, December 7, 2011) the parties agree to launch a *Joint Research and Education Programme* in order to intensify and to strengthen the cooperation between Germany and Georgia and at the first stage will provide support to Georgian Master- and PhD students to ensure their internships in JÜLICH.

**Purpose of the internship program:**

- Enable Georgian students the access to JÜLICH world-leading scientific research centre to experience and conduct frontier research in fundamental and applied sciences.
- Assist JÜLICH in recruiting the best and the brightest students from Georgian universities and prepare Master and PhD theses for further progress of Georgian science.

Upon completion of the internship the students are expected to return back to Georgia to apply the skills and knowledge gained to their native country.

**Objectives:**

The funding that JÜLICH and SRNSF will provide Georgian Master- and PhD-students the opportunity to carry out a research project at JÜLICH during their internship, and to establish long-term cooperation with researchers in JÜLICH as well as in German universities or non-university research institutions in the following agreed research fields 1) Mathematics; 2) Information Technologies; 3) Natural Sciences; 4) Engineering Sciences; 5) Life Science and Health

**Target groups:**

**A** – up to three positions for *Master students* holding a Bachelor degree in the agreed research fields in order to conduct research for their Master Thesis in JÜLICH.

**B** – up to three positions for a *PhD students* up to the age of 30 years, holding a Master degree in the agreed research fields for preparing PhD thesis in JÜLICH.

**Duration:**

The internship for Master students is granted to prepare Master thesis according to the Curricula of the Home University.

The internship for PhD students is granted for a period up to 3 years with a possible prolongation up to 6 months. The prolongation should be agreed upon between JÜLICH and SRNSF based on the

formal request of the universities/research institutes involved. The accumulated duration of research stays in JÜLICH must not be shorter than 8 months in each academic year and/or 4 months in each academic semester.

#### Funding:

The grants are jointly financed by JÜLICH and SRNSF, which includes:

- a grant installment (which includes daily allowance, Health, Accident and Personal Liability Insurance), totaling 900 € per month (nine hundred Euro) for *Master students* and 1400 € per month (one thousand and four hundred Euro) for *PhD students*;
- travel grants, comprising annually: (i) one travel within EU for participation in a scientific event with high relevance to the topic of the Master/PhD study and (ii) up to two return travels from Georgia to Germany;

Funding of the grants is split between JÜLICH (70 %) and SRNSF (30 %) for the monthly expenses, while the travel expenses are provided by JÜLICH (EU) and SRNSF (Georgia-Germany).

#### Application procedures:

Application and related documents should be submitted electronically to SRNSF in English; each application must include the following documents and papers:

- Application form of SRNSF;
- Certificate of the highest previous scientific degree;
- Certificate of ability to communicate in German and/or English language;
- Invitation letter of the host institute (supervisor) in JÜLICH;
- Tabular curriculum vitae (CV);
- List of publications (if available);
- Letter of recommendation of the sending university (supervisor) in Georgia;
- Research plan (1 – 2 pages), agreed with the host institute in JÜLICH, confirmed by the official letterheaded paper of JÜLICH and signed by the supervising Jülich scientist.

The **invitation** ("Confirmation of Supervision") by a Jülich scientist must be written on the official letterheaded paper of JÜLICH (including Address, Telephone, Fax, and Email) and it must be signed by the supervising Jülich scientist. The invitation must explicitly specify the length of the planned research stay. The invitation can be submitted by fax or email scan. **Qualification certificates**, Diploma or Master certificates have to be submitted in German or English translations, which can be certified by the university administration. The **language certificate** to confirm the applicant's German or English language skills can also be provided by the university administration. Only **complete** applications can be processed. Incomplete applications will be rejected on formal grounds!

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**Selection procedures:**

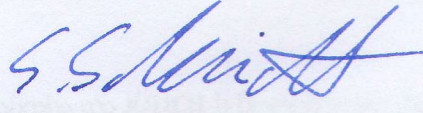
The initial evaluation procedure in SRNSF includes two stages: (i) Evaluation by at least 2 peer reviewers; (ii) Proposals passing the threshold of 80 points (out of a maximum of 100) will be considered by an SRNSF panel for short listing.


The shortlist with a maximum of 6 proposals for PhD students and 6 proposals for Master students will be submitted to JÜLICH for the final decision.

**For Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation**

  
  
**Sulkhani Sisauri**  
**Director General**  
**12. 01. 2012**

**For Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH**

  
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