The Baltic Science Network Mobility Programme for Research Internship (BARI)

What we want to achieve

BARI stands for Baltic Science Network Mobility Programme for Research Internships. BARI offers summer research internships with appropriate academic training across the Baltic Sea Region to students with interest in Life Sciences, Photon & Neutron Science and Welfare State.

During their internship, students will assist in research and lab work for a proposed project. They will be hosted by doctoral students who wish to strengthen their ties within the Baltic Sea Region (defined as members of the Council of the Baltic Sea States: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Russia and the observer member Belarus) by hosting a motivated and well-qualified student.

Successful applicants will receive a scholarship to help cover living expenses and travel costs. Funding is available for a period of up to three months Working language will be English.

The Baltic Science Network Mobility Programme for Research Internships (BARI) has four objectives:

1. To provide promising students (interns) with the opportunity to gain research experience in an exciting project of their choice.
2. To provide doctoral candidates (hosts) with additional skills (intercultural skills, language skills, personal management competencies) which are of prime importance in the global workplace.
3. To raise awareness of the next generation of researchers of the value of international cooperation within the Baltic Region.
4. To support high quality research projects.

Who can apply?

PhD students can apply to host an international student during a summer research internship. The PhD student should be employed by or affiliated with an accredited academic institution or a non-profit research institution, working in the field of Life Science, Photon & Neutron Science and Welfare State within the Baltic Sea Region. They should be motivated to work closely together with an international intern who would like to contribute to their research project.

Bachelor and Master students can apply for the opportunity to work in one of the research projects which have been offered by the PhD students. They should be studying at a university within the Baltic Sea Region and they should be enrolled as a student during the whole duration of the internship.
How does the application process work?

The process (Steps 1 to 4) ensures an optimum fit between the intern and their host.

Placements which are not accepted by the intern and the host are avoided.

The database and the broad promotion of the programme ensures a widespread effect which cannot be achieved by an individual institution.

The bottom-up structure promotes personal initiative.

The flexibility of the structure allows for an easy integration into institutional strategies.

The scholarship funders’ engagement can easily be adjusted to the individual objectives and resources.

Schedule and Deadlines

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<td>Web portal opens for <strong>PhD students to submit their proposals</strong>. Researchers register online and submit an internship offer.</td>
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<td>Evaluation and release of the PhD project proposals into the portal database.</td>
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Background information

The Baltic Science Network (BSN)_Powerhouse is an extension project of the Baltic Science Network, which serves as a transnational forum for higher education, science and research cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR).

BSN is a flagship of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region under the Policy Area education, Research and Employability, as well as one of two cornerstones of the Science, Research and Innovation Agenda of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

BSN_Powerhouse is funded by the EU programme Interreg Vb Baltic Sea Region.

For further Information on BARI please visit https://www.baltic-science.org/bari/ or contact Ms. Nina Ms. Nina Akrami Flores (n.akrami@daad.de)
For PHD students: What internship providers need to know

Who can offer an internship?

Internships are offered by PhD students who are affiliated with an accredited academic institution or a non-profit research institution, working in the field of Life Sciences, Photon & Neutron Science and Welfare State within the Baltic Sea Region. They should be motivated to work closely together with international interns who would like to contribute to their research projects. The offer must be supported by the PhD student's supervisor and the project should be developed in close cooperation with them.

How and where can a PhD student offer an internship?

To offer an Internship you have to register online at the BARI Portal. After registration you can submit your internship offer, which includes a project description. The database to offer an internship is open between 1 February and 23 February 2020.

Who can apply for your internship?

The BARI programme aims to support undergraduate students within the BSR. Students in the fields of Life Science, Photon & Neutron Science and Welfare State are eligible as well as students from related disciplines, if they find an appropriate project. Students may apply as early as their second semester at a university.

Selection process

After the portal administrator approves your offer, it will be published in the intern database. The offer is now accessible to anyone who is interested in applying and has registered online. Students may apply for up to three projects. The portal administrator approves only complete applications. The prospective hosts are then asked to provide DAAD with a ranking of the received applications. Only those students whose applications have been accepted, reviewed and ranked by a potential PhD host are placed with that host's project. We do our best to account for both the preferences of the students and of the hosts. However, we cannot guarantee in every case that a project provider will be matched with his/her top applicant.

The funding

The scholarship is funded by the BARI project partners and associates. Funding is provided only to the BA/MA interns. The scholarship includes: a monthly stipend and a student's travel subsidy.

Timeframe and duration of the internship

You can offer an internship between 1st June and 16th October 2020 for a maximum duration of 12 weeks and minimum stay- 2 weeks. Start dates in the internship offers are meant as a timeframe. They are somewhat flexible and would be determined individually between you and the prospective intern.
For Master/Bachelor students: What interns need to know

Who can apply for an internship?

To apply for an internship placement for summer 2020 you must:

- be currently enrolled at a university/college in a country of the Baltic Sea Region as a full-time student in the field of Life Sciences, Photon & Neutron Science, Welfare State or related field.
- be an undergraduate who will have completed at least 1 year of a degree programme by the start of the internship placement, or a master student
- prove that you will maintain your undergraduate status after the internship has taken place
- Local language skills are not required for most positions, but it would be helpful in order to manage everyday life. The working language will be English unless otherwise specified in the project description.

How to apply

The application is submitted completely online through the BARI database. If you are interested in participating, the first step for you is to register and to login to access the internship database. Then fill in the online application form and upload all necessary documents. Search for all internship positions and memorize the interesting ones in a list, then apply for up to three projects.

The internship database to apply for an internship is open between 29 February and 31 March 2020.

What does the scholarship include?

Various institutions and organizations contribute to the financing of the internships. Depending on the funder of the respective scholarship the amount and conditions might vary. Generally, the funding will include:

- a monthly stipend of at least 600 EUR to cover student’s every day costs;
- a student’s travel subsidy to foreign country of the Baltic Region of 300 EUR.

Please note that the scholarship does not include health, accident or personal liability insurance. These should be carried out by your own.

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