

GOETHE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – SUMMER INTAKE 2027

Goethe Research Experience Program (GREP)

Research Period: Late May/Early June – September 2027

Supervisor Nomination Deadline: 15 January 2027

Application Deadline: 31 January 2027

The Goethe Research Experience Program (GREP) offers research fellowships to advanced undergraduate and master's students of high academic standing from Goethe University's non-European partner universities. GREP fellows gain hands-on research experience within one of Goethe University Frankfurt's multidisciplinary research areas. Under the individual supervision of leading researchers, participants develop their academic and intercultural competencies and build international research networks.

GREP at a Glance:

- **Target group:** Advanced undergraduate and master's students
- **Duration:** 2–6 months research visits or laboratory placements
- **Disciplines:** Life sciences, natural sciences, social sciences and humanities
- **Supervision:** Individual mentoring by Goethe University researchers
- **Language:** English (optional German language course)
- **Credits:** Opportunity to earn ECTS credits, subject to home university recognition

Fellowship benefits:

- Accommodation in a private student residence (rent included)
- Country-specific travel subsidy
- German language course at the Goethe-Institute Frankfurt
- Semester fee coverage, including public transportation and other student benefits
- Health insurance, if required
- Orientation, cultural activities and comprehensive support by the GREP team

Research opportunities:

- Research Placements are available across **Goethe University's 16 faculties**
- Students may choose projects from the **GREP Project Database** or **propose an individual research project** based on their academic interests
- **Short-Term Research:** 2–3 months individual research projects or laboratory placements
- **Thesis Research:** 3–6 months under academic supervision
- **Flexible research period:** The duration of the research visit is flexible and arranged individually with the supervisor; start and end dates are generally scheduled for the beginning, middle or end of a month
- Students are integrated into an established research group with regular academic supervision
- **Academic requirements:** Participation in a research colloquium or equivalent, including an oral research and scientific poster presentation, as well as submission of a final academic paper and personal experience report

Application Steps:

Step 1: Eligibility & Information:

Before entering the GREP application process, students must:

- Confirm their eligibility and any internal nomination or application requirements with their home university's International Office
- Attend a mandatory **GREP Online Information Event**
- Prepare a CV and motivation letter outlining their general research interests and, where possible, a preferred research project or supervisor at Goethe University

Step 2: GREP Review & Supervisor Matching

- Students submit their CV and motivation letter to the GREP team
- GREP reviews the candidate's academic fit and coordinates the supervisor matching process
- Students should not contact potential Goethe University supervisors before consulting the GREP team, unless they already have an established research contact at Goethe University

Step 3: Supervisor Interview & Nomination

- Interested supervisors interview suitable candidates to define the research project and scope of the stay
- Following the interview, students complete the **GREP Student Project Proposal Form** in consultation with the supervisor
- Upon the supervisor's approval of the candidate and final project proposal, the supervisor submits a formal nomination directly to the GREP team **until 15 January 2027**

Step 4: Formal Application & Admission

- Formally nominated candidates receive a registration link from GREP to submit their complete application via Goethe University's Mobility Online Portal **until 31 January 2027**
- Final admission and fellowship decisions are usually issued within 4–6 weeks

Application Documents:

- Nomination letter from a Goethe University research supervisor
- Student Project Proposal Form, including motivational statement
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Current transcript of records
- Certificate of enrollment from the home university
- Bachelor's degree certificate or school-leaving certificate, where applicable
- English proficiency certificate (TOEFL iBT: min. 5.0 [95/120 previous scale]; IELTS Academic: min. 7.0; Duolingo English Test: min. 130; or equivalent). Students enrolled in an English-taught degree program are exempt.

Admission Criteria:

Applicants must:

- be enrolled as a Bachelor's or Master's student at their home institution throughout the application process and research stay
- demonstrate good academic standing (minimum GPA 3.0 or equivalent)
- demonstrate research interests and academic fit relevant to the proposed project
- receive a formal nomination from a Goethe University research supervisor
- be under 30 years of age during the research stay due to insurance requirements

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