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Call for Applications:

**Two funded stays at RWTH Aachen University and
Technische Universität Dresden, Germany
in summer 2023**

**Awarded by the DAAD-funded
“Global Water and Climate Adaptation Centre –
Aachen, Bangkok, Chennai, Dresden
(ABCD-Centre)”**



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I. What is the Global Water and Climate Adaptation Centre – Aachen, Bangkok, Chennai, Dresden (ABCD-Centre)?

With the ABCD-Centre, the project partners RWTH Aachen University, Asian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, United Nations University – Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) and Technische Universität Dresden are joining forces in an effort to address the global challenge of water security and climate change adaptation in a systematic manner. A key objective of the ABCD-Centre is the research-oriented scientific training of talented students and researchers.

The ABCD-Centre is engaged in three intertwined research clusters:

- Cluster I: *“Water Security, Water Resources Management, Secure Water Supply and Water Treatment”*
- Cluster II: *“Ecosystem Resilience and Nature-Based Adaptation Measures”*
- Cluster III: *“Transfer Strategies for Climate Adaptation: Traditional Knowledge, Local Economies and Societal Acceptance”.*

It is in this context that the ABCD-Centre funds two research- and teaching stays in Aachen and Dresden in summer 2023 for researchers from IIT Madras and AIT Bangkok.

II. Current opportunity: two funded stays in summer 2023

The ABCD-Centre currently accepts applications for two funded research stays at RWTH Aachen or TU Dresden. The funding is given to successful applicants as follows:

1. **one funded stay for one month for a doctoral student from IIT Madras or AIT Bangkok**
2. **one funded stay for one month for a postdoctoral researcher or professor from IIT Madras or AIT Bangkok**

III. Who can apply?

For scholarship 1:

Doctoral students from IIT Madras or AIT Bangkok who have graduated with a Master’s degree and who are engaged in the ABCD Centre’s teaching and research activities.

For scholarship 2:

Postdoctoral researchers and professors from IIT Madras and AIT Bangkok who are engaged in the ABCD Centre’s teaching and research activities.

IV. What do the scholarships entail?

The scholarship consists of a mobility component, a component for accommodation and living expenses and a component for insurances. These are:

- a monthly amount for accommodation and living expenses:
 - o 1.200 EUR (for a doctoral student for a stay at RWTH Aachen or TU Dresden);
 - o 2.300 EUR (for a postdoc or professor for a stay at RWTH Aachen or TU Dresden);
- a support for health insurance, if required;
- a one-time amount for travel expenses of max. 1.000 EUR.

Application process

Please send your application with the documents mentioned below in **one pdf file until February 28th, 2023** to: abcd-centre@rwth-aachen.de

Documents required:

1. Recent Curriculum Vitae;
2. Passport copy;
3. Agenda of funded stay in Aachen or Dresden including:
 - planned research- or teaching activity
 - planned joint activity with host at partner institution
 - timeline of planned activities
 - description of strategic importance for the development of the ABCD-Centre
4. For doctoral students: Recommendation letter by supervisor.

Selection criteria and process

- The application needs to be complete to be considered;
- The ABCD-Centre advocates equal opportunities and diversity;
- The selection will be conducted by the Steering Committee of the ABCD-Centre;
- The ABCD-Centre will announce a positive selection result within four weeks after the application deadline.

Important information

- A final report has to be handed in after completing the stay (final report, max. 2 pages);
- Please refer to the German Federal Foreign Office's website for country specific travel information;
- The funding rules and regulations by the DAAD under the program "[Global Centres for Climate and Environment](#)" apply;
- After the selection, the scholarship recipient has to confirm in a binding manner the acceptance of the scholarship

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