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## Call for Applications Academic Year 2021/2022 Site Visits & Joint Activities of Doctoral Groups

The [Arqus European University Alliance](#) brings together the [University of Bergen](#), the [University of Granada](#), the [University of Graz](#), the [University of Leipzig](#), the [University of Padua](#), [Vilnius University](#), the Université Lyon 1, the Université Lyon 3 and the Université de Saint-Étienne, all longstanding comprehensive research universities.

### **Presentation and objective of the call**

Among other activities, Arqus will support **joint doctoral training** within the group of partner universities by enabling **site visits and joint activities**.

**The joint activity must be carried out until 31 August 2022.**

### **Eligible candidates**

Doctoral candidates from all fields of research are eligible, as long as they are registered at one of the three participating universities:

- Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1
- Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
- Université Jean Monnet Saint-Etienne

### **Examples of activities supported**

Doctoral groups are invited to apply for site visits and joint activities together with their selected partner(s) from the Arqus Alliance. Site visits/networking activities serve the purpose of initiating future joint projects (third-party funded project applications, summer schools, etc.).

Joint activities are for example research seminars and workshops addressing innovative methodologies and theories.

Site visits and joint activities may also include (but not mandatory) the participation in one of the Arqus Research Focus Forums or one of the Arqus R&I workshops. *See the provisional calendar of these events below (ANNEX 1).*

### **Funding opportunities**

Arqus provides travel grants (incl. accommodation for a 3–5 days stay) for 3 to 5 doctoral candidates plus 1 to 2 senior researcher/s per doctoral group (max. 7,000€ per doctoral group, travel & accommodation included). The senior researcher/s involved must be hosted in a laboratory/research unit under the main supervision of the Université Lyon 1 or Université Lyon 3 or Université de Saint-Étienne.

### **Priority research topics**

Arqus has identified the following possible research topics where joint activities for doctoral candidates could be implemented:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cancer Research
- Changing Societies
- Digital Humanities
- European Cultural Heritage
- Global Change/Climate Change/Biodiversity
- Healthy Aging
- Human Brain
- Surface Science/Smart Materials

Additionally, applications by doctoral groups from other research areas with substantial overlap within the ARQUS alliance are welcome.

### **Application procedure**

- The call is open between 03 January 2022 and **06 February 2022**.
- Please email a scan of your signed application, with the required attachments, to [romain.thinon@univ-lyon1.fr](mailto:romain.thinon@univ-lyon1.fr) & [anne.giroir-fendler@ircelyon.univ-lyon1.fr](mailto:anne.giroir-fendler@ircelyon.univ-lyon1.fr)

**The selection board will reserve the right to evaluate the number of participants according to the budget available.**

The selection of applicants is based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Aim of the planned research stay (what should be accomplished during the stay)
- ✓ Research area with substantial overlap between the two universities
- ✓ Sustainability of the project

#### *Contact and further information*

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## ANNEX 1: Provisional calendar of Arqus events until the end of August 2022

	<b>BERGEN</b>	<b>GRANADA</b>	<b>GRAZ</b>	<b>LEIPZIG</b>	<b>PADUA</b>	<b>VILNIUS</b>
<b>Changing Society</b>			SPRING 2022			
<b>Digital Humanities</b>				2022 (TBC)		
<b>Cancer Research</b>					2022 (TBC)	
<b>Healthy Aging</b>						06/2022
<b>AI</b>						05/2022
<b>Climate Change</b>	06/2022		04/2022			
<b>Human Brain</b>			SPRING 2022			
<b>Smart Material / Surface Science</b>		07/2022				