

# RLS-Sciences Virtual Funding Workshop

## Spotlight on student and young researcher mobility

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# What is RLS-Sciences?

RLS-Sciences is a scientific network operating under the framework of the Regional Leaders' Summit. RLS-Sciences includes representatives from science, science administration and government of the RLS regions.

The network works to support scientific and technological exchanges and the initiation of multilateral research projects.



# RLS-Sciences Research Groups

Five themes based on regional priorities

- **Joint scientific outputs:** Papers, scientific articles, student exchanges, online courses, and research projects
- These exchanges **enrich the research and innovation ecosystems** of each partner region
- **Lead Scientists** are designated to coordinate their region's contributions in each of the five research groups



## RLS-Energy Network (est. 2013)

Focuses on regional energy transitions, generating international research projects, joint publications, and best practice exchanges.



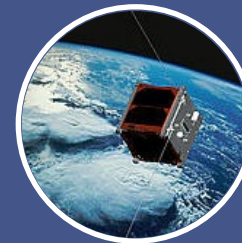
## RLS-Expert Dialogue on Digitalization (est. 2016)

A high-level exchange on the digital transformation at the regional level, including opportunities and impacts.



## RLS-Global Aerospace Campus (est. 2016)

Creates internationally relevant, future-oriented training opportunities including MOOCs for the next generation of aerospace professionals.



## RLS-Small Satellites (est. 2016)

Launching a networked formation of cooperating pico-satellites with an international ground station network for data collection.



## RLS-Digital Health (est. 2020 and launched in 2022)

Makes use of the multidimensional diversity of the regions and investigates a matrix of methods and medical use cases in digital health.

# RLS-Sciences Researchers

Researchers out of the seven regions participate according to interest

- Researchers can participate in different ways and combinations thereof:
  - **Regular meetings:** networking and first engagement in joint outputs
  - **RLS-Sciences activities:** engagement with a specific topic with regional perspectives and networking
  - **RLS-Sciences outputs:** contributions to proposals, projects, joint publications, online courses, and more
  - **Lead Scientists:** coordinate activities in their region and recruit and engage further partners from their region where it adds value
- **Young researchers** are integrated in several ways:
  - Participation together with their supervisors or other senior researchers from their region
  - Via dedicated activities such as **summer schools**, **RLS-Sciences conference sessions**, or participation in external conferences as part of an **RLS-Sciences delegation**



Credit: WKS, Bayern-Québec/Alberta/International, 2022



Credit: Upper Austrian Energy Agency, 2022

## Selected mobility programmes:

### Mitacs Accelerate

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*Deadline: Applications accepted at any time, the review will take approximately six to eight weeks*

*Value: \$15,000 CAD per four- or six-month internship*

Mitacs Accelerate provides leveraged funding of \$15,000 CAD per four- or six-month internship, where interns will work collaboratively with their academic supervisor and partner organization on a research project. **An intern** can be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, international student with a student visa, or international postdoctoral fellow with a valid work permit. **Academic supervisors** are eligible if they are faculty at a Canadian academic institution who are eligible to hold Tri-Agency funds. **Partner organizations** can be for-profit corporations (must receive more than 50% of their funds from non-government sources), eligible not-for-profit corporations, municipalities, or hospitals in Canada. For-profit businesses and not-for-profit corporations operating outside of Canada are eligible as **additional partners** on projects with a Canadian partner organization.

Interns may interact remotely with an international partner organization and/or travel to interact in person. Any travel must be in accordance with their Canadian academic institution's policies.

## Selected mobility programmes: Internationalization program for students, Upper Austria

### Outgoing Mobility: Students

Support for Upper Austrian students to go abroad

CANADA GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP - DOCTORAL PROGRAM | GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TRI-AGENCY PROGRAM  
(CLOSED) +

INTERNATIONALIZATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS (IPS) | GOVERNMENT OF UPPER AUSTRIA -



#### Internationalization Program for Students (IPS) | Government of Upper Austria

**Deadline:** applications must be submitted before the start of the stay abroad

**Value:** dependent upon destination (upper funding limit per applicant is 1480 EUR incl. travel allowance)

The Government of Upper Austria has created the Internationalization Program for Students as a successor programme to the Kepler Internationalization Program. Funding is provided for students and graduates of Upper Austria to complete study visits, courses or internships abroad in non-German speaking countries for a maximum of ten months.

Students who have had their main place of resident in Upper Austria for at least one year prior to submitting their application, and who have been admitted to regular studies at Johannes-Kepler-Universität, Fachhochschulen Oberösterreich, Pädagogischen Hochschule Oberösterreich, and Privaten Pädagogischen Hochschule der Diözese

## Selected mobility programmes: RISE Professional, DAAD

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RISE PROFESSIONAL: RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING | DAAD (CLOSED)



# DAAD

RISE Professional: Research Internships in Science and Engineering | German Federal Foreign Office and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

*Deadline: November 30, 2025*

*Value: dependent on education level (bachelor, master, PhD and whether you are enrolled as a student during the internship or not- please see program page for specific details)*

RISE Professional offers summer research internships in Germany to Master's and Ph.D. students from North America at companies and non-university research institutions with strong relations to industry. The program is open for students in the field of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, engineering or a closely related field.

Participants receive a scholarship from DAAD and an additional stipend from their host company/institution to help cover living expenses if they are enrolled in a post-secondary institution. Recent graduates will receive minimum wage from their host company/institution. Funding is possible for a period of six months in summer and/or fall (May-December). German language requirements vary according to the internship placement. Recent graduates are eligible to apply in certain cases.

Undergraduate Students can apply for a summer research internship at a German university or research institution through the RISE Germany program. More information can be found [here](#).

# Thank you for your attention!

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Our priority is to generate cross-sectoral and cross-regional interactions in a favourable framework that enhances science.

We acknowledge with gratitude the many contributions from our partners across the regions.