

Call for Applications for a PIER Workshop

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PIER has set itself the aim of promoting cooperation between Universität Hamburg and DESY as well as between the PIER research fields. The PIER research fields encompass *particle and astroparticle physics, nanoscience, photon science, as well as infection and structural biology*. The PIER competence fields Voss-Wideröe-Center for Accelerator Science and Wolfgang-Pauli-Center for Theoretical Physics combines the PIER research fields. PIER actively sponsors the implementation of PIER workshops.

The aim of a PIER workshop is to promote the interinstitutional and/or interdisciplinary cooperation within PIER, and in doing so, pushing on with stimulating and promoting idea-finding processes on a sustainable basis. Therefore, PIER workshops can be distinguished from academic, lecture-oriented workshops which are aimed at a small peer group.

PIER workshops are characterized by

- the fact that they provide a sufficient amount of time for participants to engage in discussions,
- the topics reach beyond what is discussed in specialized scientific communities,
- participants come from different organizations and disciplinary fields,
- and the aim is to create new ideas and support new cooperation.

It can be applied for a funding up to a maximum sum of € 7,000.

A variety of workshop concepts is presented in the appendix and may be used for guidance on the conceptualization of workshops.

Application procedure

Financial support for moderators, guest speakers, room rental etc. can be applied for.

Conditions

The applicant must be registered as a PIER Scientist (www.pier-campus.de/registration). Members of the Universität Hamburg, DESY, as well as members of associated partner organizations (EMBL, HPI, BNI) are eligible to file an application. The main applicant must be a member of the Universität Hamburg or DESY.

The underlying idea must have a new approach at its core and, as such, may neither be the objective of an existing funding support nor a separate part of a funded third-party project.

Structure of the application

The application may be written either in German or in English. It should contain the following information, in which the length of the aspect "background, justification, approach and objective for the implementation of the workshop" should not exceed one page:

- Background, justification, approach and objective for the implementation of the workshop
- Potential participants
- Approximate schedule
- A cost plan (including specification of own resources)
- Contact details of the main applicant
- Contact details of further applicants

Procedure

Applications for PIER workshops can be submitted to the PIER office (via e-mail to info@pier-campus.de) until the 26 April 2015. The evaluation follows a one-stage procedure carried out by the PIER Executive Board.

An informal evidence of funding used for the workshop results including proof of use of funding should be submitted in writing to the PIER Office four weeks after the expiration of the funding measure. In case the report of expenditure of funds cannot be completed due to ongoing settlement procedures, missing documents will have to be filed subsequently.

Funded projects are obliged to refer to the funding authority PIER when presenting the project or results.

Miscellaneous

PIER is a partnership between Universität Hamburg and DESY. PIER is not a legal entity. The financial support of funded projects will be handled by one partner of PIER, either Universität Hamburg or DESY.

A legal claim to funding cannot be derived from the submission of a proposal.

Applications should be submitted to: info@pier-campus.de

Please contact the PIER Office if you have any questions.

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Appendix:

The decision of how to conceptualize a PIER workshop can be made by the applicants themselves. The following examples are, therefore, solely different workshop ideas that may be used as an inspiration.

You can combine schools (e.g. summer schools) with this kind of format.

Network Workshop

The aim of the Network Workshop is to establish new networks and cooperation. The focus here is on exchange of information on own research work with potential cooperation partners (Who am I? What can I do? What do I need?). The result of such workshops is the creation of first ideas for establishing potential cooperation. Usually, a workshop of this nature lasts from 1 to 1 ½ days and can be launched by a presentation from an external expert. It is held in a maximum group size of 25 participants.

Scientific Speed Dating

The Scientific Speed Dating is a specific type of Network Workshop. This type is geared to mid-level academic positions, among other things. The maximum number of participants is 20 people. The Scientific Speed Dating is carried out in three phases:

Phase 1: Each participant introduces himself or herself for a maximum of 90 seconds, using three slides.

Phase 2: In accordance with the principle of 'Speed Dating' each participant is given the opportunity for a direct exchange with any other participant for 4 minutes each.

Phase 3: Get together with all participants involved for further exchange and in-depth discussions.

Idea-finding process Workshops

This type of workshop usually takes place if an existing group of up to 15 persons is convinced that a cooperation will be beneficial, but a specific project idea is missing. Therefore, the aim of idea-finding workshops is to create one or more ideas for projects. Idea-finding projects should be accompanied by an external moderator and should normally last for a maximum of one day. The workshop could be stimulated by an external expert.

Elaborating Workshop

At an elaborating workshop a group of up to 15 participants produces a strategy for developing a research topic, a concrete concept for a research application. This should be done within two days (in plenary and/or in work groups). The goal is a detailed draft of a current research topic. The workshop should also be stimulated by an external moderator. The workshop can imply the development of potential future scenarios of research fields. A partial participation of external experts is useful in this case.

"Classic" scientific Workshops

These workshops are characterized by scientific talks about specific topics. In order to reach the main goal of fostering new cooperation, PIER puts special emphasis on the fact that enough time for discussions and the creation of new ideas should be provided. This can be accomplished by allowing discussion breaks between talks or by incorporating special discussion sessions that encourage the development of new ideas and cooperation.