

FAQ Santander-Mobility Fund

1) Who can apply?

Students of all faculties enrolled at Münster University (**including doctoral candidates**)

2) What can be funded?

Research stays (*research visits*) and active conference participation (at home and abroad).

Active conference participation is characterized primarily by:

- a presentation
- a poster presentation
- giving a workshop
- moderation of round table discussions, Chair of a panel (at an outstanding conference relevant to the department)

Research visits can include visits to renowned research groups, research in archives or laboratory visits, for example. The stays should generally contribute to your academic profile development and networking; it is therefore important that your stay is linked to an institution/a host.

3) What cannot be funded?

- passive conference participation without own contribution
- presentations outside conferences or congresses (e. g. organisation of a seminar session at an university abroad, lecture by invitation of an institution etc.)
- workshop or summer school participations that are purely for further education (not primarily focused on academic exchange or research)
- internships (these can only be funded if is clearly stated in your application that they have the character of a research stay)

4) How lang can my stay last?

Active conference participation (at home and international) may not exceed **5 days**

While the minimum period for **research visits** is one week, the stays may not exceed **3 months**. Projects that require a longer period cannot be considered for application.

5) How can I be funded?

The funds (awarded by SAFIR) are granted as lump sum subsidies in the following amounts:

a) **Research Stays** at (international) research groups: **500,00 euros**.

b) **Active conference participation** within Germany can be funded with up to **300,00 euros**, international active conference participation can be funded with up **500,00 euros**.

Payment will be made at the end of your conference/research stay upon submission of your **confirmation of arrival/departure** (which will be sent to you with the funding approval) as well as your **experience report**.

6) Can my stay be counted as coursework?

Your stay may be a **(compulsory) coursework**, which you can get credited by your faculty accordingly. Please note that SAFIR cannot answer questions regarding this process; please refer to your department. SAFIR is happy to issue you with a funding certificate.

7) How often can I apply for funding from the Santander Mobility Fund?

As a rule, you can apply for two projects per year, e. g. for a *research visit* and an active conference participation. If the funding formats are the same, e. g. two conference participations, the contributions you present should be thematically different.