

# WERA Visiting Researcher Award

## Supported by WERA, IEA, DiVER and University of Hamburg

As part of WERA's and IEA's efforts to contribute to the advancement of educational research, we jointly offer academics the opportunity to visit the IEA Research and Analysis (RandA) Unit in Hamburg, Germany, and the Diversity in Education Research Lab (DiVER) at University of Hamburg. This award enables visiting researchers to develop their own research project while benefiting from the individual support of IEA and DiVER Hamburg experts working in different fields related to international large-scale assessments, especially with a focus on diversity in education.

### Main features of the visitor award

The main aims of the program are to:

- Contribute to enhancing the research projects of the academic visitors by providing support from IEA and DiVER experts;
- Provide visitors with direct access to IEA data and resources in order to help them carry out their research projects;
- Provide the opportunity to collaborate with IEA and DiVER research staff and promote networking within a worldwide research community.

Expectations and advice for the visitors:

- Academic visitors are expected to work on their research project using IEA data;
- Academic visitors are encouraged to initiate a collaboration with our experts on a specific research project, ideally aiming for a joint publication;
- Academic visitors are expected to present on their work within a joint IEA-DiVER-colloquium;
- Academic visitors are expected to report on their visit and its results to WERA; the report might be published on both, the WERA and IEA website.

Awardees will be provided with:

- An academic mentor at each institution for the duration of their stay;
- Expert support for specific topics on request;
- A working place, a personal computer with basic software (upon request), access to internet, printer, telephone, and basic office supplies.

The visit will last six weeks in fall 2019 (i.e., mid-September to mid-November). Exact dates will be negotiated with the awardee. Shortened or extended visits may be arranged upon request.

### Finances

- Awardees will receive a grant of € 3,000 from the IEA that is intended to cover flight, public transport, accommodation, health insurance, meals and other subsistence costs during the stay. The University of Hamburg will organize the accommodation.

## Eligibility

To qualify for the visitor award, the applicant will need to:

- Work on a research project related to IEA- and/ or DiVER studies during your stay;
- Obtain the necessary visa and arrange your own travel to Hamburg, Germany;
- Present proof of valid medical insurance coverage for the stay in Germany;
- Be able to communicate fluently in English and/ or German.

To be eligible, you must meet all four conditions. If you cannot meet one or more of these conditions, please consider postponing your application until you can comply with all of them. Note that applicants from Global South countries are explicitly encouraged to apply.

## How to apply

Please provide the following documents:

- Letter of request, including the preferred dates for your visit, the general objectives of your visit, and the specific activities you would like to focus on;
- Your CV with a record of publications (if applicable);
- A proposal or research protocol referring to the focus of your visit. This must include the following items:
  - Summary;
  - Objectives;
  - Literature review;
  - Data;
  - Methods;
  - Expected results.
- The proposal must not exceed 2,000 words.

Please send all documents via email to [wera@aera.net](mailto:wera@aera.net). Applicants are requested to insert 'WERA-IEA-DiVER Academic Visitors Program' into the subject of their email when submitting the application.

## Selection process

The deadline for your applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. All applications are reviewed by an academic committee (representatives of WERA, IEA and DiVER Uni Hamburg). Candidates will be notified of acceptance or rejection within eight weeks of the deadline.

Please be assured that the information you send us is used only for the internal review process and will never be passed on to any third party.