

Call for Applications for

# Mobility Grants from the International Union of Crystallography for 16<sup>th</sup> Conference on High- Resolution X-ray Diffraction and Imaging – XTOP2026

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## 1. Purpose of the Grant

KIT provides Mobility Grants, funded by the IUCR, to qualified early-career researchers who wish to participate in XTOP2026 in Karlsruhe.

XTOP2026 brings together scientists working in X-ray diffractometry and reflectometry, coherent and conventional X-ray diffraction imaging and topography, as well as 2D and 3D X-ray imaging using phase contrast and complementary contrast mechanisms. The conference is a leading forum for laboratory- and synchrotron-based methods, instrumentation, and applications. A dedicated tutorial supports the training and integration of young researchers into this vibrant international community.

## 2. Legal Basis

The award of these grants is governed by the *Guidelines for the Award of Training, Research, and Mobility Grants at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)* as amended on 23 September 2020 (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen of KIT p. 181, No. 51; *in German*)<sup>1</sup>, unless otherwise specified below.

## 3. Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants are early-career researchers who hold a master's degree or a doctoral degree obtained no more than five (5) years ago, preferably with an academic background in the field of crystallography. Academic interruptions, including periods of parental leave, are taken into account.

## 4. Application Process

The grants are announced on [www.xtop2026.kit.edu](http://www.xtop2026.kit.edu).

The application should include the following information and documents: title of the master's thesis or dissertation, a brief curriculum vitae, and a list of publications.

## 5. Selection Process

The decision on the awarding of grants is made by a selection committee. The selection committee consists of four people in total: two members of the Local Organizing Committee (KIT) and two members of the International Advisory Committee of the XTOP.

The decision is made in accordance with section 16 subsection 2 of the *Guidelines for the Award of Training, Research, and Mobility Grants at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)* as amended on 23 September 2020 (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen of KIT p. 181, No. 51; *in German*)<sup>1</sup>.

The selection is based on a comprehensive evaluation of the application. In particular, the following selection criteria may be taken into account: the applicant's academic alignment with the topics of XTOP2026, as demonstrated, for example, by the subject matter of their publications or their master's thesis or dissertation; applicants' origin from a developing country, particularly Latin America, Africa, or Southeast Asia; and, where applicable, social criteria.

## 6. Payment of the Mobility Grants

The Mobility Grant is intended to support participation in the XTOP2026 conference with a one-time grant of 200 Euros. It supports travel and on-site lodging expenses.

## 7. Status of granted participants

Participants are responsible for arranging their own conference stay. The Mobility Grant does not establish any employment or working relationship.

Granted participants are personally responsible for paying taxes and social security contributions both in Germany and abroad and shall indemnify KIT against all claims by third parties in this regard. A Grant may generally be tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 3 No. 44 of the German Income Tax Act (EStG) and is not subject to the progression clause pursuant to Section 32b EStG. For domestic grant providers, the tax office responsible for assessing the grant provider's corporate income tax liability must determine whether the requirements for the grant's tax-exemption are met (for KIT: Karlsruhe-Stadt Tax Office). Upon request by the grant recipient or the recipient's tax office, this tax office must issue a certificate confirming that the requirements of Section 3(44), sentence 3, letters a and b of the German Income Tax Act (EStG) have been met or refuse to issue such a certificate.

The grant recipient is personally responsible for obtaining health and liability insurance.

Grant recipients are generally responsible for their accident insurance coverage. Section 13 Subsection 4 of the *Guidelines for the Award of Training, Research, and Mobility Grants at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)* applies.

## 8. Handling of Personal Data

KIT will report on the awarding of grants as part of the report on expenditure of funds, in accordance with the funding guidelines of the third-party funding providers.

KIT will forward a notification to the relevant tax office regarding the grant payment in accordance with the "Regulation on Notifications to Tax Authorities by Other Authorities and Public-Law Broadcasters," in its current version.

It must be ensured that data subjects are adequately informed about the processing of their personal data for grant administration purposes. If there is any doubt regarding this, the Data Protection Office must be consulted. The same applies to compliance with data protection regulations when transferring personal data to third-party funding agencies.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.sle.kit.edu/downloads/AmtlicheBekanntmachungen/2020\\_AB\\_051.pdf](https://www.sle.kit.edu/downloads/AmtlicheBekanntmachungen/2020_AB_051.pdf)