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Description/content

The Bremen International Graduate School for Marine Sciences (GLOMAR) hosts more than 120 PhD students from all fields of marine sciences who pursue their PhD project at the University of Bremen or at Jacobs University Bremen.

The GLOMAR research training programme is designed to ensure optimum conditions for doctoral candidates in pursuing their doctoral studies. It provides a unique discipline-specific and interdisciplinary training in the relevant natural and social sciences which ensures that all research postgraduates acquire the research skills and competencies necessary to complete their research theses and to continue their career in academia, industry or administration.

Supervision of each PhD student is in the hands of a thesis committee that consists of the main supervisor, an independent senior scientist, a third scientist that could be the PhD student’s immediate research adviser (often junior scientists such as assistant or junior professors, and post-docs), and if suitable, an external (international) scientist. The thesis committee advises the PhD student on all scientific and management aspects of the research project she/he is involved in and monitors the progress of the PhD student.

GLOMAR offers a broad range of training courses, including introductory, expert, and transferable skills courses. To complement the training programme, GLOMAR also closely cooperates with other graduate schools in the region. English is the primary language for all communication and classes.

Mobility and networking on an international level are an important aspect of a career in science. GLOMAR encourages its PhD students to spend a research stay or placement (internship) at another institution, preferably abroad. The graduate school offers financial support to its members for such a research stay for up to six months.

Further financial support is available for participation in international conferences and workshops. To foster interdisciplinary thinking and working, GLOMAR offers monthly research seminars which are guided by research associates from a similar field. These seminars offer the opportunities to meet other PhD students and to conduct a broad exchange about the research topics and all challenges that scientists may face during the period of their PhD.

To account for the transition phase between the PhD project and the future career, the graduate school offers different programmes and events for its members to help them make decisions and take the right steps. These measures include career fairs, fireside chats with professionals from industry, meet-and-greets with senior scientists, and a coaching programme for female scientists.

GLOMAR welcomes all PhD students in marine sciences enrolled at the Bremen universities. The graduate school does not offer funding for PhD projects. PhD students from other countries who wish to spend some time at MARUM for a research stay can apply for some support funding for up to three months.

Faculties

Geosciences, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Law, Cultural Studies

Services

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Research training / discussion

Yes

Career advisory service

- Courses and workshops
- Coaching and mentoring
- Peer group training
- Career days and fireside chats with professionals

Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Other

Additional information on support programmes

The University of Bremen’s Welcome Center supports international researchers and their families before and during their stay in Bremen, regardless of the length of their stay or how the stay is financed. As a central service point, it assists all new researchers in non-academic matters to help organise their life in Bremen and make it as enjoyable and uncomplicated as possible. Through a broad network of internal and external partners, the Welcome Center provides a range of administrative and social services, including visa and entry regulations, housing, residence permit, health and pension insurance, doctors, public transport, etc. The Welcome Center also organises regular events, such as an International Café and excursions in and around the city.

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