



The Baltic University Programme

BUP initiatives that support research

The Baltic University Programme currently support research cooperation and researchers at the Member Universities in a number of ways. The initiatives are based on inputs and discussions among colleagues in the Programme and are as follows:

1. Mobility Grant for young researchers

The Mobility Grant seeks to develop and strengthen the cooperation among young researchers in the Baltic Sea Region. The grant is intended to support young PhD students and post doctoral scholars, from BUP Member Universities who's research promotes sustainable development. The grant covers accommodation and travel expenses and the winner will be invited to present the research at a BUP conference, as an opportunity to disseminate results, ideas and create an intra-network cooperation.

2. PhD Award

The PhD Award is an annual award given to the author/s of what the BUP Scientific Council considers the most qualified PhD work defended at a any of the BUP Member Universities. The evaluation process of the thesis takes into account the following criteria: inter-/multidisciplinary approach, novelty, innovation, and value for promoting sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region. The winner receives a sum of money to cover travel costs and/or accommodation for attending a research conference, as well as travel/accommodation costs during one BUP event.

3. PhD student training

The PhD training is an annual event organized by the BUP Polish National Centre during one week. The training program focuses on sustainable development in an interdisciplinary, international, multicultural, and regional context, and is led by an international team of PhD supervisors. The objective of the training is to give PhD students from the BUP countries a possibility to meet and discuss scientific problems, and to receive response from an external mentor on their PhD thesis progress.

4. Research conference

BUP aims to arrange research conferences every year with a specific theme in the field of sustainable development, environmental protection or democracy in the Baltic Sea Region context. Speakers are top experts in their field and participants have a scientific background within the themes discussed.

5. BUP Scientific Council

The main role of the BUP Scientific Council is to evaluate the quality of PhD thesis and research projects submitted for the BUP Award and the BUP Mobility Grant competition. The experts make the selection among applicants and elaborate review of selected contributions. Presently the committee consists of 21 prominent scientists from various countries.

6. Research Notes

BUP publishes regularly Research Notes on our webpage, and in a Research Notes Letter that is sent to Member Universities, and other stakeholders in society. The aim is to spread research findings and knowledge on researchers and research groups in the Baltic Sea Region. Welcome to send your contribution, using the research notes form at our web site.

7. Research Themes

The aim with the BUP Research Themes is to develop each theme into a source of information where BUP colleagues both collect and submit material. Our hope is that this will lead to more visibility and cooperations among researchers, teachers and students regarding exchange, mobility, common projects, and more successful funding and publication. Welcome to send your contribution, using the form at our web site.

8. BUP User Group in LinkedIn

BUP has a LinkedIn page and a BUP User group with the aim to function as a channel for BUP researchers and teachers. Through the user group you will be able to find other colleagues in the Programme and get to know their research. Welcome researchers and teachers to join the BUP User group.

9. BUP-RaP Hamburg

The BUP Associated Secretariat at Hamburg University of Applied Sciences hosts the Baltic University Programme Research and Publications Office (BUP-RaP). The office supports research cooperation among BUP members in two main ways: by means of externally funded projects which BUP- RaP may coordinate or be partners of, and by underpinning BUP members' academic basis by facilitating the publication of scientific works in indexed journals.

10. BUP Symposium 2020: *Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region*

BUP will arrange a symposium in Visby the 24-28 August 2020, with a range of diverse activities: a research conference on Sustainable Campus and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) with different sessions; a student's conference; SAIL for students; seminars and workshops; a program with recent research at BUP Member Universities.

11. BUP PhD Supervisor Collegium

The BUP will continue to develop the existing mentorship model in the annual PhD training, where each PhD student get input from an external mentor during the training. This model can be developed as mentorship during the full PhD period, or as a possibility for the student to get a co-supervisor from another university in the Baltic Sea Region. The BUP PhD Supervisor Collegium arranges meetings and seminars for PhD supervisors to exchange knowledge and experience in the role being a good supervisor. Furthermore it serves as a forum for support, mediation of supervision, and to encourage researchers to take the role being co-supervisor and/or mentor for PhD students at other Member Universities within BUP.

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