## Synopsis

The Max Kade Foundation (MKF, [www.maxkadefoundation.org](http://www.maxkadefoundation.org)) supports an international research exchange between Vanderbilt and Leipzig Universities. Specifically, MKF provides funds of three undergraduate students from each university to conduct a 10 week summer internship at the respective partner university. Travel costs up to $2000 and a weekly stipend of $300 are provided. We target students that will begin their 3rd or 4th year of education at their home institution after the MKF summer internship, i.e. rising junior and rising senior students at Vanderbilt University or students that are master students or begin the last year of bachelor studies at Leipzig University.

To select the recipients of the stipend, we collect research project descriptions from the twenty core laboratories that support the collaboration between Vanderbilt and Leipzig Universities. Descriptions are provided by the graduate student or post-doctoral mentor who will advise the undergraduate student and must be understandable to undergraduate students. It is encouraged that the undergraduate student conducts research on the same or a related project in the laboratory of a collaborating investigator at their home institution during the academic year before or after their MKF internship.

 Undergraduate students from both institutions will be invited to apply for internships at the respective partner university. Application materials include a rank list of the desired projects, CV, an unofficial transcript of courses taken including the current GPA, a statement summarizing past research experience and the motivation to pursue research on this project, and the desired time frame. Up to three candidates from each university are selected by reviewing the application materials and conducting personal interviews.

The exchange will be administrated by Heather Darling (VU, h.darling@vanderbilt.edu) and Anett Albrecht (LU, albrecht@uni-leipzig.de) including organization of housing and VISA. Please submit your projects to both e-mail addresses.

## Title:

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## Abstract:

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## Place of Internship:

[ ]  Leipzig University [ ]  Vanderbilt University

## Laboratory Principal Investigator:

Choose an item.

## Collaborating Principal Investigator at Partner Institution:

Choose an item.

## Graduate Student or Post-Doctoral Mentor in host Laboratory:

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## Time Frame

From Click here to enter a date. to Click here to enter a date. For VU students visiting LU mid-May through mid-August will be best. For LU students visiting VU mid-July through mid-October will work best.