

INSTRUCTIONS

ARRANGING A VISIT BY A SCHOOL: PROJECT WORKSHOP

BACKGROUND Promoting a dialogue between science and the public is not just a separate area of funding at Gebert RUF Stiftung, it is generally an integral part of contractually agreed project activities. In the spirit of fostering a public understanding of science, every project leader must commit to a low-threshold transfer of knowledge to schools and a wider audience.

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the support agreement (Art. 4), during the period that the project is receiving funding from Gebert RUF Stiftung, the project leader is required to arrange a visit by a secondary school class (level I or II) to a university research facility/laboratory. Projects being carried out at schools are exempted from this requirement.

1 ORGANIZATION

The project management is responsible for preparing and carrying out the half-day visit, including contacting and inviting the class. Preference is to be given to school classes from outlying districts or rural areas. Teachers may invoice Gebert RUF Stiftung for public transport costs as well as food and refreshments.

2 GOAL

The visit is designed to give pupils an opportunity to gain a genuine and low-threshold insight into a concrete project and so experience first-hand how science entrepreneurship is translated into practice. Younger project members in particular will benefit from this visit as it gives them the opportunity to present their project to interested laypersons. The need for didactic simplification provides the ideal parameters for an exercise in how to further a public understanding of science.

3 PROJECT PROOF

The project conclusion must include proof of a school class visit under the «School visit: project workshop» scheme. This proof may be in the form of a confirmation or appraisal by the accompanying teacher.