



PhD Retreats: Organization

\checkmark	Student representatives	GGNB Office
	Student representatives ask students of their program if they would like to join a retreat and who would help with the organization decide on format of retreat - with faculty? - invited speaker(s)? Topic? - expert talk on (mental) health? - duration: 1 or 2 nights depending on number of talks and ask program committee/cc: GGNB for approval Scheduling survey for 3-4 different dates (min. 8-9 months in advance) Inform GGNB of possible date(s) and number and names of participants (students, faculty, invited speaker) Indicate 3-4 preferred locations from location list, or new location - Travel time max. around 2 hours by Deutschlandticket/student ID - Travel by car not possible (resp. only in exceptional cases, e.g. participant does not live in Göttingen and cannot reach location by public transport)	Contact 3-4 locations for offers University rates? Double rooms incl. breakfast for students, Single rooms incl. breakfast for faculty and invited speakers Catering (lunch, dinner, coffee breaks) Seminar room(s) Technical equipment (projector, flip chart) Check if offers are in compliance with travel law and budget rules
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		Compare costs
		Informs student representatives which location is possible (cheapest) and by when booking has to be confirmed (incl. number of participants)
	If applicable: decide on and contact invited speaker for possible dates If applicable: decide on expert talk on (mental) health, inform GGNB Office	





		Neurosciences, Biophysics, and Molecular Bioscience
	Discuss registration form for students	
	with Michaela (has to include info that	
	registration is binding)	
	Verify who will definitely join (students	
	according to registration form, faculty,	
	speakers) and inform GGNB	
	Contact invited speakers to inform them	
	of budget rules for travel and sends	
	them reimbursement form (cc: GGNB)	
		Book location
		- Payment by invoice
		- Short-term cancellations of room
		and catering have to be possible
		If applicable: contact TK reg. expert talk,
		if confirmed forward contact details of
		trainer to student representatives
	Draft detailed schedule incl. participants,	
	their affiliation, travel times by train or	
	public bus, titles of presentations, and	
	send it to GGNB	
	- most time has to be spent on	
	science!	
	 dinner can only be paid if 	
	scientific talks continue after	
	dinner! And no, Science Slam or	
	Pub Quiz do not count as	
	scientific talks.	
		Double check schedule, return to
		student representatives
	Send schedule to all participants/cc: GGNB	
		Inform all participants (students, faculty)
		that they have to submit their
		Dienstreiseantrag within the next 3
		working days
		- Students/faculty at university have
		to send their approved permit as a
		PDF file to ggnb@gwdg.de
		- UMG, MPI, DPZ, Fraunhofer, etc.:
		have to apply but don't have to
		copy Kirsten/GGNB in
		- Stipendholder: have to inform their
		boss but application legally not
		possible, permit not required
		Remind those who have not submitted
		their permit, deadline 1 week. If still no
		permit: student is excluded unless they
		have valid reason (e.g. supervisor not
		reachable during trip)
	In case of short term cancellations: inform GGNB Office immediately	
	•	If applicable: cancel room(s) and
		catering
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Inform students that they have to make entry in credit database	
Send attendance list (incl. titles of posters/presentations) to GGNB	
	Confirm credits
	Follow up on travel costs for invited speakers