MENTORING AND TRAINING OF INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL AS INSTITUTE AMBASSADORS (ICT-MANTRA)

The integration and training of our international employees is an essential part of Fraunhofer ICT’s strategy. Guest researchers often have contact to institutions in their home country, market knowledge or simply the intercultural skills needed to initiate international research collaborations. In the context of the “Research for Germany Initiative” of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Fraunhofer ICT has obtained funding for our “Program for the mentoring and training of international personnel as institute ambassadors” (ICT-MANTRA).

What is ICT-MANTRA?
ICT-MANTRA is a mentoring and training program for international researchers at Fraunhofer ICT. It funds a range of activities designed to integrate and train the participants, and initiate international research collaborations. The program will run from 1st February 2017 until 31st December 2018.

Who can participate in ICT-MANTRA?
Any non-German researcher at Fraunhofer ICT who has studied or worked outside Germany for a significant time can participate in ICT-MANTRA. The program targets post docs, but PhD students and other international employees can also be involved.
What are the benefits of joining ICT-MANTRA?

Participants in ICT-MANTRA are offered:

- A 1-day training module on the role of Fraunhofer as a mediator between basic research and industrial application
- 1:1 advice and mentoring to explore collaboration possibilities between Fraunhofer ICT and institutions in the participant’s home country, including networking with the relevant research contacts at Fraunhofer ICT
- Funded travel with colleagues to institutions in the participant’s home country (or vice versa) in order to plan joint research projects
- Opportunity to participate in one of two complementary training modules offered by Fraunhofer ACADEMY: 1) Working in international teams 2) intercultural competence

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