FAQ

Who can apply for the additional support from the International Training Course?
Only former course participants can apply for this extension.

Is the extension fixed in time to the training course of the year?
The extra possibility is not part of the "normal" training course, it is an extra service. We expect a proposal from the former participant as an extra project.

Is there a deadline for application?
No. The project proposal can be submitted anytime.

Should I get in contact with a lecturer in GFZ before the application?
Yes. As the person/group should be the partner during the project, you should submit a first draft of your project idea to your possible partner. Still you can put us "course-un@gfz-potsdam.de" in cc, so that we know about your plans.

Is there a maximum period for the project?
The project should be "short", may be 2 weeks, 1 month, 2 months (depending on the aims and the goals). May be you need instruments for some months and plan the data analysis in cooperation with scientists at the GFZ.

Is there a time period for the realization of the project?
The project can be realised any time in the year. The time period should be agreed with the partner, normally not during the time of the course.

What should the project proposal be about?
The proposed project can be connected to new measurements, or to analyse older data, it can involve a visit at the GFZ or ...... The target should be related to the topics you dealt with during the International Training Course.

What should be included in the project proposal?
The 1 page project proposal should give an abstract, working plan, and a duration of the planned project (1 week, 2 weeks, 1 month, 2 months,...). It may also indicate a cost estimation in case of extra costs (instruments needed, instrument transport, computer needed, etc). The project proposal should indicate whether a travel grant and/or a scholarship is needed.

What should be the aim and target of the project proposal?
They aim of the project should be a common publication and/or a new insight into the seismicity and/or seismic hazard in your country/region. The data have to be freely available (this is the international standard of a publication).

Are other documents required?
We need a Letter of Support from your institute, indicating that your project is being supported by your institute. We do not need recommendation letters, as you are a former course participant.

What is the chance that my proposal will be accepted?
The money available is limited. Therefore we will support the best applications from the best former course participants and who is in special need for support. Therefore, it is a good idea to be an active and visible participant during the course.

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