

Leibniz – DAAD Research Fellowships 2018

The Leibniz – DAAD Research Fellowship programme is jointly carried out by the Leibniz Association (Leibniz-Gemeinschaft e.V.) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Leibniz-DAAD fellowships offer highly-qualified, international postdoctoral researchers, who have recently completed their doctoral studies, the opportunity to conduct research at a Leibniz Institute of their choice in Germany.

Leibniz Association

The Leibniz Association is an umbrella organisation currently consisting of 93 independent research institutions located throughout Germany. It has an annual budget of over €1.8 billion. More than 18,700 people are employed at Leibniz Institutes, 9,500 of whom are scientists working in the humanities and educational sciences, the social sciences, economics, business administration, regional and life sciences, as well as in mathematics, the natural sciences, engineering and environmental research. All Leibniz Institutes have an interdisciplinary approach. They conduct problem-oriented research and provide scientific infrastructures of national and international significance. Leibniz Institutes foster close cooperation with universities, other research institutes, and industry in Germany and abroad. Leibniz researchers uphold the highest standards of excellence. Their aim is to offer research-based solutions to current challenges facing society. The Leibniz Association has developed a comprehensive system of quality management: Independent experts assess each institute at regular intervals. Leibniz Institutes contribute to clusters of excellence in fields such as mathematics, optical technologies, materials research, bio-medical research, environmental research, bio- and nanotechnology, as well as biodiversity, economic policy, and educational research.

The Leibniz Association is structured into five scientific sections. Further information is available online at <http://www.leibniz-association.eu>

DAAD

The DAAD is the largest funding organisation in the world supporting the international exchange of students and scholars. Since it was founded in 1925, more than 2 million scholars in Germany and abroad have received DAAD funding. It is a registered association and its members are German institutions of higher education and student bodies. In addition to awarding grants and scholarships, it supports the internationalisation of German universities, promotes German studies and the German language abroad, assists developing countries in establishing effective universities and advises decision-makers on matters of cultural, education and development policy. Its budget (approx. €500 million in 2016) is derived mainly from the federal funding for various ministries, primarily the German Federal Foreign Office, but also from the European Union and a number of other enterprises, organisations and foreign governments. The DAAD runs over 250 programmes, through which it funds more than 100,000 German and foreign scholars worldwide each year. Further information is available online at <http://www.daad.de>

Research Offerings

Leibniz-DAAD research fellows can undertake their research at one of the Leibniz Institutes listed in the following links:

Section A: [Humanities and Educational Research/Geisteswissenschaften und Bildungsforschung](#)

Section B: [Economics, Social Sciences and Spatial Research/Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften, Raumwissenschaften](#)

Section C: [Life Sciences/Lebenswissenschaften](#)

Section D: [Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Engineering/Mathematik, Natur- und Ingenieurwissenschaften](#)

Section E: [Environmental Sciences/Umweltwissenschaften](#)

Please note:

1. **Only Leibniz Institutes listed under the above links can accept fellows this year.**
2. **Projects that do not relate to the activities of the selected institute cannot be considered.**

Terms of the Fellowship

Fellowships can be awarded for 12 months and include:

- a monthly instalment of €2,000,
- a combined health, accident and personal liability insurance as well as long-term care insurance in Germany,
- a research allowance of €460 per annum and
- a two-months German language course in Germany (if desired).

Family-related allowances or support for travel costs are not provided.

The fellowship period must commence between **September 1, 2018** and **January 1, 2019**.

Application Requirements

At the time of the application deadline, applicants for a Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship must neither hold German nationality nor have resided in Germany more than the last six months prior to the application deadline.

Applicants should

- be able to prove their outstanding academic or research achievements,
- have completed their PhD or equivalent qualification in 2016 or later,¹
- pursue a project for which the respective Leibniz Institute can offer an adequate infrastructure and scientific environment and
- have excellent knowledge of English (knowledge of German is welcome).

Application Documents

1. Documents to be uploaded to the DAAD online portal:

- Online application form (available in the portal);
- [Confirmation of Supervision](#);
- Curriculum vitae;
- List of publications;
- Abstract of the research project, incl. the title of the project (max. 1 page);
- Description of the research project, incl. the title of the project (5-10 pages);

¹ Applications may be submitted before completion of the PhD. However, the PhD must be completed before the start of the funding period.

- Detailed work plan and timeline (max. 1 page);
- Abstract of the doctoral thesis, incl. the title of the thesis (max. 1 page);
- Master degree certificate;
- PhD diploma;
- University certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s) of the Master and the PhD studies (transcripts of records), incl. explanation of grading system (if available).

Please note:

All documents have to be uploaded in English or German (if the original is not in English or German, please upload the original and a certified translation).

2. Documents to be sent to the DAAD application address by post:

Two letters of recommendation, which should be written by senior academics of the applicant's own choice: The form of the letter of recommendation has to be generated in the DAAD portal in the section "Request reference" after registration and downloaded. Please send the form by e-mail to your referees and ask for the completed reference form to be sent to the application address in Bonn in a sealed envelope. References are confidential and must not be read by the applicant.

Please note:

The letters of recommendation cannot be accepted in digital form and must be sent by regular mail. The letters of recommendation must arrive in Bonn by March 22, 2018 at the latest, at the address:

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Section ST43
Mr. Oliver Reinken
Kennedyallee 50
53175 Bonn
Germany

3. Online Application and Deadline

Please submit your application online via the [DAAD online portal](#). Please be aware that only complete applications will be accepted. Applicants are responsible for their applications completeness.

Deadline: March 8, 2018 (*Applications received after March 8, 2018 will not be considered. The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. Central European Time (CET) on the last application day.*)

15 fellowships are awarded each year. The selection process will be completed in June 2018. We will communicate results to all applicants via the DAAD portal.

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