

## DFG Research Fellowships

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### What is the DFG Research Fellowship?

[DFG Research Fellowships](#) are intended to help early career researchers to conduct a defined project at a location of their choice in a country other than Germany and to use it as an opportunity to familiarise themselves with new research methods or to bring a large project to a conclusion. For more details see DFG Research Fellowships summary.

### Who can apply for the DFG Research Fellowship?

German or international postdocs, junior researchers who have been resident in Germany for several years and have completed at least 3 years of scientific work as a doctoral or postdoctoral researcher in the German research system and state that they wish to continue to pursue their research in Germany in the future.

### Why to apply for the DFG Research Fellowship?

- It is an opportunity to spend **3–12 months** on a research visit at an excellent research institution outside Germany (e.g. IOCB Prague).
- You should choose a foreign host institution that provides the best research environment for your project.
- You can establish new cooperation with outstanding foreign supervisors, develop your professional career & improve your skills.
- You can get monthly financial support according to [Award Calculator](#): Basic fellowship (**1750 EUR**), Direct project costs (**250 EUR**), Foreign allowance, etc.
- A monthly child allowance (**400 EUR** for the first child and **100 EUR** for each additional child) is paid for children up to 18 years of age.
- If you are accompanied abroad by your children who are younger than 12 years of age, you can (1) extend the duration of the fellowship by max 12 months, or (2) apply for childcare costs.
- You can get travel support for establishing or intensifying your research contacts in Germany.
- You can apply for additional funding up to **5000 EUR** per year for publication costs.
- Foreign host institution is expected to provide the necessary direct support (desk space, support staff, equipment, consumables, etc.).
- You can apply for a return grant for reintegration in the German research system.

### When to apply for the DFG Research Fellowship?

The DFG Fellowship programme is open throughout the year. Evaluation results are announced within 6 months.

Please inform the [Project Office](#) about your intention to apply.

Do not hesitate anytime to contact us for consulting, discussion or help.

### How to apply for the DFG Research Fellowship?

1) **Find** and **read** programme guidelines:

- [DFG Research Fellowships 2018 call](#)
- DFG Research Fellowships 2018 summary
- DFG Research Fellowships 2018 guidelines
- DFG Research Fellowships 2018 template

2) **Establish** your [Elan portal](#) account and **download** the relevant template.

3) **Find** an excellent supervisor at the [IOCB Prague](#) and **negotiate** your postdoctoral DFG research project and the IOCB institutional support with him/her. **Ask** the foreign host institution (IOCB Prague) / foreign supervisor to fill in Invitation letter from the foreign host institution.

4) **Complete** your online application on your [Elan portal](#) account.

- First page
- Project details: title, duration, research area, keywords, summary in English and German
- Applicant data
- Participating individuals: host institution & supervisor
- Participating institutions
- Concluding information

5) **Finalise** your application on your [Elan portal](#) account.

- **Online proposal:** (i) First page; (ii) Project details: title, duration, research area, keywords, summary in English and German; (iii) Applicant data; (iv) Participating individuals: host institution & supervisor; (v) Participating institutions; (vi) Concluding information (applicant)
- **Project description:** (i) Current state of research; (ii) Research objective & preliminary work; (iii) List of up to 10 project related publications; (iv) Research plan including methods; (v) Relevance of project to research career objectives; (vi) Reasons for selecting host institution; (vii) Desired state date of fellowship; (viii) Additional publication costs; (ix) Additional funding; (x) Career plans (use template, max 20 pages) (applicant)
- **CV** including a list of up to 10 of the most important publications (applicant)
- **Invitation letter from the foreign host institution** (host supervisor/host institution)
- **Copy of PhD diploma** (applicant)
- **Doctoral thesis & publications** from the list (applicant)
- **Scientific manuscripts** if relevant (applicant)

6) **Submit** your online application throughout the year.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within 6 months after submission.

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