

Call for Applications: Fellowship Program COFUND 2013

The Dahlem Research School (DRS) is the Center for Junior Researchers at Freie Universität Berlin – a place of intellectual excitement and world-class research that offers an extraordinary array of disciplines. Starting in 2011, Dahlem Research School has launched a fellowship program for postdocs to integrate them into the university's research networks in an early phase of their career. As part of the university's institutional strategy, its purpose is to reinforce the international dimension of Freie Universität's research by supporting highly-qualified postdocs from abroad.

The COFUND Program – co-financed by the Marie Curie program of the European Union – provides funding for outstanding international postdoctoral fellows to conduct their own research project.

It supports promising junior researchers in their further academic career development through

- integration into excellent research groups and facilitation of new co-operations in a stimulating research environment
- development of teaching and leadership skills
- professional guidance on obtaining research

At the end of the funding period, COFUND fellows are expected to apply for further funding for a subsequent research project at Freie Universität Berlin.

For this purpose, Dahlem Research School offers

7 Postdoctoral Fellowships

Starting in April 2013, each research fellowship is awarded for fifteen months to support postdocs carrying out a research project in one of Freie Universität's Excellence Programs (please find a list of participating programs and their research areas on pages 3 and 4).

We invite postdocs to propose their own project plan based around the research areas of one of the participating Excellence Programs.

Deadline for applications: 31st August 2012

Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

For application details please see overleaf or go to the [DRS COFUND Website](#).





Eligibility

- a completed doctorate (the dissertation must be submitted and proof of this must be available by the application deadline)
- the doctorate has been completed less than six years prior to the application deadline (starting with the date on the doctoral certificate)
- candidates may not be German citizens
- candidates may not have lived in Germany for more than 6 months within the 24 months prior to the application deadline

Duration

15 months (starting in April 2013)

Funding

The fellows will be employed via full employment contracts according to the current collective agreement for the public sector of Berlin, carrying social benefits such as pension and social security, but also subject to normal taxes. They will receive:

- an annual net salary of approx. 22,700 to 29,400 Euro (depending on experience level and marital status)
- a monthly mobility allowance of 200 Euro (subject to tax and social security contributions)
- a one-off travel allowance of 500 to 2000 Euro (subject to tax and social security contributions and depending on the distance from place of residence to Berlin).
- a monthly research allowance of 1200 Euro for lab-based projects or 300 Euro for non-lab-based projects
- a fully funded intensive German course
- a tailor-made professional development program delivered by Dahlem Research School.

Application procedure

Step 1: Please fill out the entire online application form on the [DRS COFUND Website](#) and submit it.

Step 2: In order to complete your application you are required to send us further documents:

- (1) COFUND CV Template (please download the template on the [DRS COFUND Website](#))
- (2) Project Summary (5-10 DIN A4-pages, including a work/time schedule, also downloadable on the [DRS COFUND Website](#))
- (3) A Letter of Motivation (max. 1 DIN A4-page)
- (4) Scanned signed letters from at least 2 of the referees named in the COFUND CV template
- (5) A scanned copy of your PhD, MA and BA certificates (or equivalent qualifications)



Step 3: Submit your application

- (1) Convert your documents into one pdf file, name it “appl.DRS-COFUND-2013.lastname.firstname” and send it by email to fellowship-drs[at]fu-berlin.de. Make sure your file **does not exceed 10 MB in size**.
- (2) Email Subject: “Application for DRS-COFUND-2013: lastname firstname”
- (3) **Deadline for submission: 31 August 2012**

All application documents should be submitted in English.

For the Project Summary and the Letter of Motivation please use 2 cm top, bottom and side margins, font Arial, font size 10, 1.5 line spacing.

Only complete applications with all requested documents (1-5) will be considered.

Selection procedure

Once your application is complete, you will receive an acknowledgement together with an individual code number and login details for a secure web page to be able to view the anonymized selection results. Applicants will be notified by email when new results are announced.

Participating Excellence Programs

Topoi - The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations

Key topics: The transformation of antique phenomena; Innovations in antiquity; Maps and diagrams; Ancient economy; Water management in antiquity; and Space related identities. Research fields: The interaction between ancient human communities and the natural environment; The social control mechanisms through which ancient spaces have been constituted, defined, formed and regulated; The perception and representation of spaces in ancient cultures; Ancient theories of space and all forms of ancient science concerned with the concept of space.

For further questions regarding Topoi please contact Regina Attula, regina.attula@topoi.org or go to <http://www.topoi.org>.

NeuroCure

Research fields: Immune actions in the healthy and diseased central nervous system; Neurogenetic/neurophysiological contributions to speech and language learning in animal models; The cellular and molecular basis of auditory system function and development.

For further questions regarding NeuroCure please contact Tanja Rohweder, tanja.rohweder@charite.de or go to <http://www.neurocure.de>.

Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies

Research fields: From stimulation to control - Using bone morphogenetic protein for controlled regeneration under compromised conditions; Direct cellular migration to sites of injury; Targeting inflammation to support regeneration; Multifunctional and controllable implant systems; From cell therapy to joint function – adaptation in regenerative therapies; Visualisation of regeneration.

For further questions regarding the research of BSRT please contact Sabine Bartosch, info@bsrt.de or go to <http://www.bsrt.de>.



Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

Key topics: The plurality, changeability, and global connectedness of Muslim cultures and societies in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, as well as in Muslim minority communities in Europe and North America.

Research fields: Islamic reform; Education in Muslim majority contexts; Media and communication.

For further details regarding the BGSMCS please contact Gabriele Freitag, md@bqsmcs.fu-berlin.de.

Berlin Mathematical School

Research fields: Differential and Discrete Geometry, Algebraic Geometry, Algebraic Topology, Discrete Mathematics, Visualization, Numerical Mathematics, Scientific Computing, Geometric Analysis, Differential Equations.

For further details regarding BMS please contact Alexander Schmitt, aschmitt@zedat.fu-berlin.de or go to <http://www.math-berlin.de> or to the Department of Mathematics at Freie Universität Berlin <http://www.math.fu-berlin.de/en/groups>.

Berlin School of Integrative Oncology

Research fields: Molecular mechanisms and signaling pathways in carcinogenesis; Cellular stress responses in tumor development and treatment resistance; Cancer immunology; Functional “-omics” and systems biology; Interdisciplinary analysis of pathogenic mechanisms; Translational research and novel treatment options; Stem cells in cancer.

For further details regarding BSIO, its research and training please contact Eleanor Horn, eleanor.horn@charite.de.

Graduate School for East Asian Studies

Research fields: The interdisciplinary analysis of institutions in East Asia from a social science perspective and historical grounding; Trans-regional phenomena or interregional comparisons.

For further details regarding the GSC East Asian Studies please contact Verena Blechinger, verena.blechinger-talcott@fu-berlin.de.

For further information regarding this call for proposals please go to the [DRS COFUND Website](#).

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