

## Leibniz – DAAD Research Fellowships 2014

The Leibniz – DAAD Research Fellowship programme is jointly carried out by the Leibniz Association (Wissenschaftsgemeinschaft Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz 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 the Leibniz Institute of their choice in Germany.

### Leibniz Association

The Leibniz Association is an umbrella organisation consisting of 89 independent research institutions located throughout Germany. It has an annual budget of over €1.5 billion. More than 17,200 people are employed at Leibniz Institutes, 8,200 of whom are scientists working in the arts and humanities, 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 cooperations 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-gemeinschaft.de>

### 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 1.5 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. €420 million in 2013) 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 74,000 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 [86 Leibniz Institutes](#) in the following areas:

**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 correspond with the activities of the chosen institute will not be considered.**

**Terms of the Fellowship**

Fellowships can be awarded for 12 months and include:

- a monthly instalment of €2,000;
- health, accident and personal liability insurance in Germany;
- a research allowance of €460 per annum;
- a two-month German language course in Germany (if desired).

**Application Requirements**

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

Applicants should

- be able to prove their outstanding academic or research achievements,
- have completed their studies with a PhD or equivalent qualification (**no more than two years should have passed since graduation**), and
- have excellent knowledge of English.

Knowledge of German is welcome.

**Application Documents**

Applicants must submit the following documents in duplicate by post:

- completed "[Application for Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowships](#)" form;
- recent passport size photograph (attached to the application form);
- curriculum vitae;
- list of publications (if any);
- description of the research project (max. 3 pages);
- detailed activity plan and timeline (max. 1 page);
- abstract of the doctoral/PhD thesis (max. 3 pages);
- two letters of recommendation, which may be from scholars of the applicant's choice and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes or sent by the referees directly to the DAAD head office in Bonn by the closing date for applications;

- copies of all academic degree certificates and transcripts of records with certified translations into English or German;
- copy of English language skills certification (e.g. TOEFL 550/213/80, IELTS: 6.0) not more than five years old.

Incomplete applications and applications sent by email cannot be accepted or processed.

**Please note that** by applying for a fellowship as part of the Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship programme, applicants automatically consent to the DAAD forwarding their documents and personal details to the Leibniz Association and its associated institutions, which will make the final decision. No personal details will be forwarded to third parties by the DAAD, the Leibniz Association or the Leibniz Institutes.

**A hard copy of the application must reach the DAAD head office in Bonn.**

**German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)  
Section 522  
Kennedyallee 50  
53175 Bonn**

**by**

**7 March 2014**

**at the latest.**

**This date is final and will be strictly enforced. Incomplete applications and applications received by email or after 7 March 2014 will not be considered for a fellowship.**

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