

## Leibniz – DAAD Research Fellowships 2012

### Intention

'Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowships' is a programme implemented 2011 by the 'Leibniz Association' (Wissenschaftsgemeinschaft Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz) and the 'German Academic Exchange Service' (DAAD). The fellowships offer highly-qualified recent foreign postdocs the opportunity to conduct special research at institutes of the Leibniz Association in Germany.

### DAAD

The DAAD is a joint organisation of Germany's higher education institutions and is mandated to promote international academic relations, especially through exchanges of students, academics and scientists. It is the internationalisation agency of Germany's higher education institutions and simultaneously serves as a "mediator organisation" in the government's foreign policy, European policy, development policy and higher education policy. With a total budget of almost 385 million EUR in 2011, the DAAD ran over 250 programmes which were predominately funded by Germany's federal government. Further information is available on the internet at: [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)

### Leibniz Association

The Leibniz Association is the umbrella organisation for currently 87 institutions throughout Germany conducting research or providing scientific infrastructure. Some 7,800 scientists and scholars work in the humanities and social sciences, economics, spatial and life sciences as well as in mathematics, the natural and engineering sciences and in environmental research. Altogether, more than 16,800 people are employed at Leibniz Institutes, which together have an annual budget of 1,4 billion EUR. Further information is available on the Internet at: <http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de>

### Offer

Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellows can do their research at one of the Leibniz-Institutes which are covered in the following (five) sections:

- Section A:** Humanities and Educational Research/ Geisteswissenschaften und Bildungsforschung
- Section B:** Economics, Social and Spatial Sciences/Wirtschaft- und Sozialwissenschaften, Raumwissenschaften
- Section C:** Life Sciences/ Lebenswissenschaften
- Section D:** Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Engineering/ Mathematik, Natur- und Ingenieurwissenschaften
- Section E:** Environmental Research/Umweltwissenschaften

## Grants

Grants for postdocs can be awarded for up to a maximum of 12 months. The grant includes:

- a monthly instalment of 1.840,- EUR;
- a monthly subsidy of 58 EUR for the insurance for health, accident and personal/private liability in Germany (53 EUR per month has to be covered by the fellowship holder);
- a two-months German language course (if desired).

## Application Requirements

At the time of their application, applicants for a Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship, should neither be of German nationality nor reside longer than six months in Germany.

Applicants should

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

Knowledge of German is very welcome.

## Application Papers

Application papers must always be submitted in duplicate and in paper form. Applications by email can not be accepted. Incomplete applications are not processed. To apply, please use the form ["Application for Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowships"](#).

To complete your application, please enclose the following papers and documents:

- Abstract of the doctoral/PhD thesis (max. 3 pages),
- List of publications (if any),
- Complete curriculum vitae,
- Two letters of recommendation by scientists of the applicant's own choice; the letters must be included in sealed envelopes or sent by the referees directly to the DAAD office in Bonn by the closing date for applications,
- Copies of all academic degree certificates as well as certified translations in English or German,
- Recent photograph (attached to the application form),
- Proof of English language skills (e.g. TOEFL 550/213/80; IELTS: 6.0 or similar) not older than five years,
- Description of the research project (3 pages),
- Detailed work plan and schedule (1 page).

**Please note:** By applying for a fellowship within the Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowships Programme applicants give their consent to the DAAD to forward the documents and the personal details to the Leibniz Association and its relevant institutions, which take the final decision. Neither the DAAD, nor the Leibniz Association nor the Leibniz Institutions will pass on the details to third parties.

**All documents must have been received in complete and in written form  
at the DAAD Head office in Bonn:**

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

**by**

**20 March 2012,**

**at the latest**

**This date is absolutely final and it is strictly enforced. Incomplete applications and applications received after 20 March 2012 can not be considered in the selection process.**

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