



Second Joint Call for Fellowship Proposals FRIAS and USIAS

The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS) and the University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Studies (USIAS) welcome applications from excellent researchers from the University of Freiburg and the University of Strasbourg for joint research groups. The aim of this joint call is to strengthen the collaboration between researchers of the two universities and to enable highly original joint research combining the strengths of the two universities.

The Institutes

The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (**FRIAS**) is the international research college of the University of Freiburg. It strives to support high-level research from all disciplines and to strengthen the international visibility of the university. Additional information about the institute can be found at the website www.frias.uni-freiburg.de.

The University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study (**USIAS**) offers outstanding researchers the opportunity to concentrate on original research projects in all domains. USIAS is funded as part of the Initiative d'Excellence (IdEx) of the French national government. Additional information about the institute can be found at the website www.usias.fr/en.

Applicants

The call is open for original research proposals in all academic disciplines and domains. An application must comprise at least one principal investigator from Strasbourg and one from Freiburg. An additional researcher from outside Strasbourg or Freiburg is welcome, Co-applicants from Basel are particularly welcome to strengthen the targeted wider collaboration within the triangle of three neighbouring countries.

Expectations

The research groups are expected to jointly pursue a research project by combining the expertise of researchers from both universities. Applicants should outline, in which way their research project can contribute to the strategic alliance of the two universities, possibly also beyond the duration of the joint project. The proposed project should add to the international visibility of the two universities and will ideally develop and strengthen international networks.

The groups have much freedom to decide on the best way to cooperate, but are expected to spend a considerable amount of time together at both universities during the project. The institutes will support the research groups selected concerning outreach activities, such as forming and strengthening international research networks.

Eligibility and selection criteria

Selection criteria are the academic excellence of the applicants, the originality and quality of the project (in terms of topic, perspective, methodology) and the contribution to the strategic alliance between the universities. The call is directed at researchers of the two universities with substantial research experience. Applicants from Strasbourg should be at the level of “chargé de recherche” or “maître de conference” or higher. Applicants from Freiburg should have completed at least 3 years of post-doctoral work. Applicants need to hold a position at their respective university for the duration of the project.

The successful applicants will become fellows at both institutes for the duration of their project.

The project should start in October 2015. The duration of proposed projects can be up to 24 months.

The budget will be need-based, taking into account the vastly differing requirements of different disciplines. The upper limit is 180 000€ for two years

The budget can be used for:

- Project costs, e.g. consumables, equipment travelling (between the two universities and elsewhere if needed for the project), and for organising workshops, conferences, dissemination activities.
- A post-doc-position. It is possible to include a post-doc position in the proposal provided that there is a clear rationale for this within the project, and on condition that the post-doc is truly shared between Freiburg and Strasbourg, and the main applicants are themselves collaborating in person in an active and direct way. In the proposal budget, the costs of a post-doc should be estimated as 55 000 per year.
- Successful applicants can ask for a teaching reduction of up to 50 % for a two-year period. This should be indicated in the proposal but not be included in the proposed project budget. The budget implications of teaching reduction will be discussed with the applicants in case of selection.

The final budget plan will be determined together with the successful applicants upon selection; an indication of cost categories and estimated costs per category is sufficient at the time of application. The projects will be jointly administrated by both institutes.

Applications

Applicants are invited to submit a proposal of maximum 6 pages (incl. references, line-spacing 1.5, font 12 pt) and full CVs for each member of the research group, using an online form. The proposals should be written in English and will be subjected to external international peer review. Final decisions will be made by a joint committee from both institutes, including senior researchers from France, Germany as well as from other countries.

Please submit applications (in electronic form) using the website:

<https://frias.wufoo.eu/forms/joint-call-frias-and-usias-201517> (available early February)

Timeline

The deadline for applications is March 15, 2015.

Decisions about the fellowships will be announced at the end of May 2015.

The joint FRIAS-USIAS projects should start no later than October 2015.

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Information on the currently four joint groups (2013-15) can be found at

www.usias.fr/fellows/fellows-fribourg-strasbourg-2013/

www.frias.uni-freiburg.de/en/routes-to-frias/joint-fellowship-programme-strasbourg-and-freiburg?set_language=en

Calculation sheet for preliminary budget proposal

	Year 1 (2015/16)	Year 2 (2016/17)	Total
PostDoc			
Travel costs FR-STR			
Additional travel costs			
Consumables			
Conferences, work-shops			
Dissemination activities			
Guest researchers			
Additional requests (please specify)			
Total			
			(max. 180.000 €)

The final budget plan will be worked out jointly between the institutes and the successful applicants.