

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 first 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. Additional information about the institute can be found at the website www.usias.fr/en.

Criteria and eligibility

The call is open for original research proposals in all scientific disciplines and domains.

An application must comprise at least one principal investigator from Strasbourg and one from Freiburg. An additional fellow from outside Strasbourg or Freiburg is highly welcome, but an external applicant is not necessary for the project to be eligible for funding. Co-applicants from Basel are particularly welcome to strengthen the targeted wider collaboration within the triangle of three neighbouring countries.

The research groups are expected to spend time together at one of the universities. The institutes will support the research groups selected concerning outreach activities, such as forming and strengthening international research networks.

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.

The successful applicants will become fellows at the respective institutes for the duration of their project. They can request up to 50% dispensation from teaching duties. Mutual cross-border teaching as part of the project is encouraged.

The proposal should specify how the link between Freiburg and Strasbourg will be strengthened through the proposed project, during as well as after completion of the project.

The project should start in October 2013. The duration of proposed projects can be up to 24 months.

The budget will be need-based and within the range of 20,000 – 200,000 euro, taking into account the vastly differing needs of different disciplines. The final budget plan will be worked out together with the successful applicants; an indication of cost categories and estimated costs per category suffices at the time of application. The usual rules and regulations for third-party funded projects at the two universities apply. The projects will be jointly administered by both institutes.

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. The main applicants are expected to collaborate in person in an active and direct way.

Applications

Applicants are invited to submit a proposal of maximum 8 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

<http://usias.wufoo.eu/forms/usiasfrias-call-for-proposals/>

Timeline

The deadline for applications is **31 March 2013**.

Decisions about the fellowships will be announced in early June 2013.

The joint FRIAS-USIAS projects should start no later than October 2013.

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