

Call for applications: FRIAS COFUND Fellowship Programme (FCFP)

The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS) is the University of Freiburg's international research college. The Institute supports innovative research projects through individual fellowships. It is at the centre of a very active research community and has since its creation in 2008 acquired an international reputation for academic excellence.

The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies is offering

Individual FCFP fellowships for the academic year 2019/20

- Junior fellowships (completed PhD plus one to six years of post-doctoral experience)
(12 month fellowships between September 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020)
- Senior fellowships (completed PhD plus a minimum of six years of post-doctoral experience or a tenured professorship or equivalent permanent position)
(3 to 10 month fellowships between September 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020)

Up to 25 FCFP fellowships are available to researchers regardless of their nationality and field of research.

Fellowships of 3 to 10 months in the Senior scheme and of 12 months in the Junior scheme may be applied for. They will allow researchers to conduct their own research projects. FRIAS offers the opportunity for FCFP Junior Fellows to prolong the fellowship for up to three months for secondments in and collaboration with non-academic partner institutions in Freiburg and the region. Junior Fellows must apply for this option eight months into their fellowship.

In general, all fellowships will be awarded to individuals with challenging and innovative research projects of top academic quality through a highly competitive, strictly merit-based selection process (Expected success rate: ~20% of eligible applications). The all-important

selection criteria are the academic excellence of both the applicant and the project proposal. Personal qualifications with regard to experience and capability to conduct the research project will also be taken into account during the evaluation of the applications.

Applications are welcome from all disciplines that can be supported at the University of Freiburg. Applicants are encouraged to learn about the University of Freiburg's profile of particular research strengths (www.uni-freiburg.de/forschung-en).

According to the EU mobility rule, applicants may not (a) have resided or (b) have carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in Germany for more than a total of 12 months during the 3-year period prior to the application deadline. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account.

Successful applicants will become FRIAS fellows with all the corresponding rights and obligations for the requested funding period. Fellows without a work contract at their home institution will obtain an internationally attractive salary (Junior: ca. 4.600 € per month pre-tax; Senior: W3-equivalent professorial salary, ca. 6.700 € per month pre-tax). Senior fellows who stay on paid leave of absence from their home institution during the time of the fellowship will receive an additional contract as a guest professor at the University of Freiburg (ca. 3.050 € per month pre-tax) to compensate them for the extra costs of their stay in Freiburg. Fellows accompanied by at least one child receive an additional monthly family allowance of 250 €. Each fellow will receive a research cost contribution (theoretical sciences: up to 450 € per month, experimental sciences: up to 1.050 € per month). All fellows will have at their disposal a budget for individual training, a travel allowance to cover the costs of the inbound and outbound journey and a mobility allowance to cover relocation costs.

Career guidance is offered to each Junior Fellow. Since one of the aims of FRIAS is to foster cross-disciplinary communication, full-time presence at FRIAS is mandatory.

FRIAS unites research in the humanities and social sciences, the natural and life sciences, engineering, and medicine. The Institute supports academic exchange across existing boundaries: between disciplines, between different cultures and countries, between established and younger researchers. Furthermore, FRIAS engages in activities opening the research community to society and politics. Fellows will be part of this community and profit from the lively research environment of the university and its eleven faculties.

The Institute provides its fellows with modern office space and an up-to-date infrastructure. Experimental scientists are required to identify a host laboratory in Freiburg where their research project can be carried out prior to submission of the application. Accommodation is

available through the university guest house and additional centrally located apartments. Fellows have full access to all library services from one of the leading German university libraries. Special attention is given to fellows who plan to come to Freiburg together with their families. FRIAS makes every effort to provide tailor-made solutions with regard to suitable accommodation, child care and educational facilities.

FRIAS lies geographically close to both France and Switzerland and actively takes advantage of the rich intellectual resources of this truly European region, with close research links to the universities of Basel (Switzerland) and Strasbourg (France), including the “Joint Fellowship Programme Freiburg-Strasbourg”, a joint initiative between FRIAS and the University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study (USIAS).

The FCFP call for applications is co-financed by the European Union through the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme “Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action, People, Co-funding of regional, national and international programs (COFUND)” and the State of Baden-Württemberg. The rules and ethical principles for Horizon 2020 and the state regulations apply.

The **completed FCFP application** form together with the **required documents** has to be uploaded on the application webpage for Senior Fellowships (<https://frias.wufoo.eu/forms/fcfp-external-senior-fellowship-201920/>) or Junior Fellowships (<https://frias.wufoo.eu/forms/fcfp-junior-fellowships-201920/>) and submitted by **September 15, 2018; 24.00 h CET**.

Information on the application and selection process (required documents, guidelines on eligibility, evaluation criteria, timeline and stages of the selection process) is provided at: <https://www.frias.uni-freiburg.de/en/funding-programmes/cofund>.

More information on FRIAS is available at: www.frias.uni-freiburg.de.

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Monday – Friday: 10.00 – 12.00 (CET)