

FREIBURG INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: FRIAS EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2023

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

FRIAS IS OFFERING INDIVIDUAL EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

Early Career Fellowships are available to researchers from any nationality and discipline based in Freiburg, Germany and abroad. Fellowships are available for **4 to 10 months between September 1st, 2024 and August 31st, 2025.**

Applicants must have a completed PhD plus a maximum of eight years of post-doctoral experience. Fellowships will allow researchers to conduct their own research projects. Since one of the aims of FRIAS is to foster cross-disciplinary communication, full-time presence at FRIAS is mandatory.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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: ~15% of eligible applications). The all-important selection criterion is 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 any discipline that can be supported at the University of Freiburg. Applicants are invited to apply from any nationality and any home institution, including the University of Freiburg. FRIAS encourages applicant to learn more about the University of Freiburg's [profile of particular research strengths](#).

Applicants must have either (a) six months' research experience after their PhD at academic institution(s) in a country different from the country of their first academic degree OR (b) received a Master/PhD or equivalent in a country different from the country of their first academic degree. Short stays such as holidays, conferences or summer schools are not considered.

FELLOWSHIP FUNDING

Successful applicants will become FRIAS Fellows with all the corresponding rights and obligations for the requested funding period.

Early Career Fellowships include a full-time employment contract with the University of Freiburg, valid for the duration of the fellowship. An Early Career researcher receives approximately 4,900 € per month pre-tax. For Fellows with an employment contract at their home institution a reimbursement of teaching replacement costs throughout the fellowship is possible. Fellows will additionally receive a research cost contribution, a budget for individual training, a mobility allowance (if applicable) and will be reimbursed for the travel costs of the inbound and the outbound journey (if applicable). If eligible, Fellows accompanied by at least one child receive an additional monthly family allowance.

APPLICATION & CONTACT

Please upload the **completed Early Career Fellowship application form** together with the **required documents** via the application portal for Early Career fellowships (<https://www.frias.uni-freiburg.de/frias-early-career-fellowships>) and submit the complete application by September 15th, 2023, 13:00 h CET.

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

For further details please contact us at FRIAS via e-mail: fellowships@frias.uni-freiburg.de

ABOUT FRIAS

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 spaces 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 in a truly European region, close to both France and Switzerland, with close research links to the universities of Basel (Switzerland) and Strasbourg (France).

More information: www.frias.uni-freiburg.de