

FREIBURG INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
FRIAS SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE SENIOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME
FOR RESEARCHERS FROM AFRICA**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 28TH, 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 since its creation in 2008 acquired an international reputation for academic excellence. The Institute supports innovative research projects through individual and group fellowships.

THE FREIBURG INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES OFFERS ONE (1) INDIVIDUAL SENIOR FELLOWSHIP OF SEVEN MONTHS FOR RESEARCHERS:

- based in an African country.
- from any nationality.
- exclusively from disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences.
- with a thematic focus on sustainable governance.
- who obtained a PhD.
- who have a minimum of eight years of post-doctoral experience or a tenured professorship or equivalent permanent position.

Please read the text below and our [application manual](#) for for a full list of requirements.

The fellowship is intended for a stay at FRIAS between September 1st, 2024 and August 31st, 2025. The grantee will conduct their own research project(s).

SELECTION CRITERIA

In general, the fellowship will be awarded to individuals with **challenging and innovative** research projects of **high academic quality** with a thematic focus on *sustainable governance* through a highly competitive, strictly merit-based selection process (only one fellowship can be awarded in this funding period). The most important selection criteria are the **academic excellence** of both the applicant and the project proposal. We encourage collaborative work and expect candidates to have peer-reviewed articles (at least 5 within the last 10 years; including at least one with or as a co-author).

Applicants are encouraged to learn about the University of Freiburg's profile of particular research strengths: <https://uni-freiburg.de/research/research-profile/>. It is essential to identify an academic partner at the University of Freiburg and obtain a letter of cooperation by the academic partner who will support the project during the stay in Freiburg; this letter has to be included as part of the application. Members of Freiburg University's Africa Centre for Transregional Research (ACT) may be particularly suitable (but not obligatory) partners providing a letter of cooperation (<https://act.uni-freiburg.de/en/who-we-are-1/persons>)

Applicants must have at least (a) six months' research experience after their PhD at academic institution(s) in a country different from the country of their first academic degree AND (b) have received a Master/PhD or received tenure or equivalent in an African country.

FELLOWSHIP FUNDING

The successful applicant will become a FRIAS Fellow with all the corresponding rights and obligations for the requested funding period.

The fellow will be employed as a guest professor. Furthermore, the Fellow will additionally receive a research cost contribution and travel cost reimbursement of the inbound and the outbound journey. If eligible, a fellow accompanied by at least one child receives an additional monthly family allowance.

Since one of the aims of FRIAS is to foster cross-disciplinary communication, full-time presence at FRIAS is mandatory.

APPLICATION & CONTACT

Please upload the **completed Senior Fellowship application form** together with the **required documents** via the application portal for the “Sustainable Governance Senior Fellowship Programme for Researchers from Africa” (<https://www.frias.uni-freiburg.de/frias-sustainable-governance-africa>) and submit the complete application by **September 28th, 2023; 13:00h CET**.

Information about 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 at: https://www.frias.uni-freiburg.de/downloads/ausschreibungen/ausschreibungen-2024-25/frias-sustainable-governance-africa/at_download/file

For further details please contact us at FRIAS via e-mail susgoafrica.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