

## Leibniz – DAAD Research Fellowships 2015

The Leibniz – DAAD Research Fellowship programme is jointly carried out by the Leibniz Association (Wissenschaftsgemeinschaft Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz e.V.) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Leibniz-DAAD fellowships offer highly-qualified, international postdoctoral researchers, who have recently completed their doctoral studies, the opportunity to conduct research at a Leibniz Institute of their choice in Germany.

### Leibniz Association

The Leibniz Association is an umbrella organisation currently consisting of 89 independent research institutions located throughout Germany. It has an annual budget of over €1.5 billion. More than 17,500 people are employed at Leibniz Institutes, 8,800 of whom are scientists working in the humanities and educational sciences, the social sciences, economics, business administration, regional and life sciences, as well as in mathematics, the natural sciences, engineering and environmental research. All Leibniz Institutes have an interdisciplinary approach. They conduct problem-oriented research and provide scientific infrastructures of national and international significance. Leibniz Institutes foster close cooperation with universities, other research institutes, and industry in Germany and abroad. Leibniz researchers uphold the highest standards of excellence. Their aim is to offer research-based solutions to current challenges facing society. The Leibniz Association has developed a comprehensive system of quality management: Independent experts assess each institute at regular intervals. Leibniz Institutes contribute to clusters of excellence in fields such as mathematics, optical technologies, materials research, bio-medical research, environmental research, bio- and nanotechnology, as well as biodiversity, economic policy, and educational research.

The Leibniz Association is structured into five scientific sections. Further information is available online at <http://www.leibniz-association.eu>

### DAAD

The DAAD is the largest funding organisation in the world supporting the international exchange of students and scholars. Since it was founded in 1925, more than 1.5 million scholars in Germany and abroad have received DAAD funding. It is a registered association and its members are German institutions of higher education and student bodies. In addition to awarding grants and scholarships, it supports the internationalisation of German universities, promotes German studies and the German language abroad, assists developing countries in establishing effective universities and advises decision-makers on matters of cultural, education and development policy. Its budget (approx. €440 million in 2014) is derived mainly from the federal funding for various ministries, primarily the German Federal Foreign Office, but also from the European Union and a number of other enterprises, organisations and foreign governments. The DAAD runs over 250 programmes, through which it funds more than 74,000 German and foreign scholars worldwide each year. Further information is available online at <http://www.daad.de>

### Research Offerings

Leibniz-DAAD research fellows can undertake their research at the Leibniz Institutes listed in the following links:

**Section A:** [Humanities and Educational Research/Geisteswissenschaften und Bildungsforschung \(<http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/karriere/wissenschaftlicher-nachwuchs/leibniz-daad-research-fellowships/ausschreibung-2015/#c2781>\)](http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/karriere/wissenschaftlicher-nachwuchs/leibniz-daad-research-fellowships/ausschreibung-2015/#c2781)

- Section B:** Economics, Social Sciences and Spatial Research/Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften, Raumwissenschaften (<http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/karriere/wissenschaftlicher-nachwuchs/leibniz-daad-research-fellowships/ausschreibung-2015/#c2801>)
- Section C:** Life Sciences/Lebenswissenschaften (<http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/karriere/wissenschaftlicher-nachwuchs/leibniz-daad-research-fellowships/ausschreibung-2015/#c2802>)
- Section D:** Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Engineering/Mathematik, Natur- und Ingenieurwissenschaften (<http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/karriere/wissenschaftlicher-nachwuchs/leibniz-daad-research-fellowships/ausschreibung-2015/#c2803>)
- Section E:** Environmental Sciences/Umweltwissenschaften (<http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/karriere/wissenschaftlicher-nachwuchs/leibniz-daad-research-fellowships/ausschreibung-2015/#c2804>)

**Please note:**

- 1. Only Leibniz Institutes listed under the above links can accept fellows this year.**
- 2. Projects that do not correspond with the activities of the chosen institute will not be considered.**

**Terms of the Fellowship**

Fellowships can be awarded for 12 months and include:

- a monthly instalment of €2,000,
- a combined health, accident and personal liability insurance in Germany,
- a research allowance of €460 per annum and
- a two-months German language course in Germany (if desired).

**Application Requirements**

At the time of application (date of signing of the application form) applicants for a Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship must neither hold German nationality nor have resided in Germany for more than six months.

Applicants should

- be able to prove their outstanding academic or research achievements,
- have completed their studies with a PhD or equivalent qualification (**no more than two years should have passed since graduation**) and
- have excellent knowledge of English.

Knowledge of German is welcome.

### Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following documents in duplicate by post:

- completed "[Application for Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowships](#)" form;
- curriculum vitae;
- list of publications (if any);
- description of the research project (max. 3 pages);
- detailed work plan and timeline (max. 1 page);
- abstract of the doctoral thesis (max. 3 pages);
- two letters of recommendation, which should be written by scholars of the applicant's own choice and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes or sent by the referees directly to the DAAD head office in Bonn by the closing date for applications;
- copies of all academic degree certificates and transcripts of records with certified translations into English or German;
- English language certificate (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS) or confirmation of the English language skills by a university teacher of the applicant's own choice.

### Please note:

By applying for a fellowship as part of the Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship programme, applicants automatically consent to the DAAD to forward their documents and personal details to the Leibniz Association and its associated institutions, which will make the final decision. No personal details will be forwarded to third parties by the DAAD, the Leibniz Association or the Leibniz Institutes.

Please send your complete application to the **DAAD head office in Bonn/Germany:**

**German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)  
Section ST 43  
Kennedyallee 50  
53175 Bonn**

by

**16 March 2015**

**at the latest.**

- **This date is final and will be strictly enforced.**
- **It is not possible to apply by email.**
- **Applications received after 16 March 2015 will not be considered for a fellowship.**

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