Dear Fellows and Friends of the Zukunftskolleg,

Internationalization is a key element of the Zukunftskolleg's 5-i Strategy: Early independence with an international, intergenerational, intra-university and interdisciplinary perspective. To maintain our international profile and expand internationalization, we have continued to hone our internationalization strategy.

In this Newsletter, we would also like to fill you in on our current calls for applications for several funding instruments. Please take note of the **deadline on January 31, 2017**, for all seven calls.

Until then, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year!

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### Current Calls for Applications

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The Zukunftskolleg has issued new calls for applications for several funding programmes. Some of the programmes are open to all postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz. The deadline for all calls for applications is January 31, 2017. You can download all calls for applications as pdf files here.

**Bridge Fellowship**

The Zukunftskolleg offers up to five Bridge Fellowships in any discipline represented at the University of Konstanz for developing and implementing research projects. The aim is (1) to support new research initiatives at the University, (2) to enhance and advance areas of research at the University that are already strong by supporting researchers with distinctive and complementary expertise, (3) to support threatened foreign researchers by integrating them into the German academic system.

**Mentorship Programme**

The Mentorship Programme enables postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz to network with distinguished colleagues both in Germany and abroad, and to maintain these contacts.

**Independent Research Grant**

The Independent Research Grant aims to promote independent research by researchers who are in the early stages of their postdoctoral work. The Zukunftskolleg invites applications for financial support of up to EUR 3,000 for projects that help the individual applicant attain scientific independence. This funding instrument is open to postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz.

**Interdisciplinary Collaborative Projects Programme**

The Interdisciplinary Collaborative Projects Programme aims to promote research collaborations between young researchers. An interdisciplinary research project gives grant holders the opportunity to identify and explore new, innovative and/or risky research perspectives with neighbouring disciplines and across disciplines. This funding instrument is open to postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz.

**Transdepartmental Collaborative Teaching Programme**

The Transdepartmental Collaborative Teaching Programme aims to promote the development of new teaching courses and expand departmental syllabi. It gives grant holders the opportunity to explore new, innovative topics in teaching and to further develop their teaching skills and teaching approach across disciplines. This funding instrument is open to postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz in cooperation with Fellows of the Zukunftskolleg.

**Intersectoral Cooperative Programme**
The Intersectoral Cooperative Programme aims to develop cooperation between Zukunftskolleg Fellows and the non-academic sector. Grants are given to support cooperation that fosters joint research projects with industrial partners, companies, social institutions, cultural institutions, archives, public bodies, or non-profit organisations. This funding instrument is open to Fellows of the Zukunftskolleg.

Investment Programme for Research

The Investment Programme for Research aims to improve apparatus and equipment in research. Fellows can apply for apparatus requiring an outlay of between EUR 10,000 and EUR 50,000 for use by Fellows in conducting their research. This funding instrument is open to Fellows of the Zukunftskolleg.

Events

Excursion to the German Literature Archive

On December 6, 2016, Zukunftskolleg Fellows visited the German Literature Archive (Deutsches Literaturarchiv) in Marbach.

It was Ulrich Raulff, director of the German Literature Archive, who had invited the Fellows to come and visit. Ulrich Raulff has a close connection to the Zukunftskolleg: He was a member of the first Scientific Advisory Board of the Zukunftskolleg after its foundation and was awarded the Zukunftskolleg Lecture in winter term 2016/2017.

Read more about the excursion [here](#).

Invited talk by Vicky Temperton

On January 16, 2017 at 13:30 pm in D 434, Vicky Temperton will give a talk entitled: "Using Ecological Assembly Theory to Improve Ecological Restoration of Species-Rich Grasslands", invited by Zukunftskolleg Associated Fellow Sasha Kosanic (Department of Biology).

Prof. Vicky Temperton is a plant ecologist and full professor at the Institute of Ecology (since April 2015) in the sustainability faculty of Leuphana University in Lüneburg. Her research focusses on grassland ecology and productivity.

See more information about Vicky Temperton on her University [website](#).
Fellowships

Bridge Fellowship for Displaced Researchers

In 2016, the Zukunftskolleg launched a new fellowship format that seeks to support threatened and displaced researchers by giving them the opportunity to be integrated into the German academic system. Bridge Fellowships have a maximum duration of nine months. For the entire grant period, Bridge Fellows are Associated Fellows of the Zukunftskolleg. For further information, please check the call for applications. The Bridge Fellowships were awarded to

- Grey Violet (Department of Mathematics and Statistics)
- Monssef Alsweis (Department of Computer and Information Science)

Doctoral Fellowships

Doctoral Fellowships support students in the final phase of their studies. The aim is to strengthen the academic ties of these aspiring researchers. Doctoral Fellows are Associated Fellows of the Zukunftskolleg. The Konstanz Research School Chemical Biology and the Graduate School of Decision Sciences each nominate two candidates for Doctoral Fellowships every year. The Doctoral Fellowships will start in January 2017. While the decision by the Graduate School Decision Sciences is pending, the Konstanz Research School Chemical Biology awarded the Doctoral Fellowship to

- Simon Geigges (Department of Chemistry)
- Franziska Doll (Department of Chemistry)

Manfred Ulmer Scholarship

Acting on behalf of the "Stiftung Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft an der Universität Konstanz", a foundation of the University of Konstanz, the Zukunftskolleg awards the Manfred Ulmer Scholarship every year. The programme pays EUR 1,000 per month over six months. It enables the scholar to bridge a financial gap between their undergraduate studies and their doctoral phase. Scholarship holders are members of the Zukunftskolleg as Associated Fellows. This year, the Zukunftskolleg increased funding to this programme, making it possible to award the Scholarship to two scholars:

- Katrin Stuber (Department of Biology)
- Konstantin Käpper (Department of Politics and Public Administration)

See also the press release for more information.

New Associated Fellows

- Barbara Hausmair (Department of History and Sociology, former Postdoctoral Fellow, Associated Fellow since 10/2016)
- Constantin Ruhe (Department of Politics and Public Administration, Associated Fellow since 10/2016)
- Derya Ciray (Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Associated Fellow since 08/2016)
Fellowships ending

- **Julia Langkau** (Fellow from 09/2013 until 10/2016, Department of Philosophy), now SNF Ambizione Fellow and lecturer at the University of Zürich, Switzerland

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**Careers**

We congratulate our Fellows and Alumni who have been successful in applying for external funding:

- **DFG Grant for Gianluca Rastelli** worth app. (Fellow since 2013, affiliated with the Department of Physics)

- **ERC Consolidator Grant for Daniel Summerer** (Fellow 2011-2015, affiliated with the Department of Chemistry)

- **ERC Starting Grant for Alexander Titz** (Fellow 2010-2013, affiliated with the Department of Chemistry)

- **MWK (Ministry for Academia, Research and Art) Baden-Württemberg Grant for Michael Kovermann** (Associated Fellow since 2015, affiliated with the Department of Chemistry)