Universität Konstanz





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Join the PostDoc Culture of Creativity at the Zukunftskolleg

The Zukunftskolleg is an Institute for Advanced Study for young scholars at the University of Konstanz. Since 2007, it promotes outstanding postdoctoral researchers from the humanities, social and natural sciences.

At the Zukunftskolleg, young researchers can perform research without administrative constraints and have the freedom to engage in meaningful exchange with other up-and-coming colleagues and with distinguished senior researchers. The young talents enjoy a high level of independence and are still securely anchored within their respective research departments. This is achieved through the involvement of local hosts that are faculty members.

The University of Konstanz is a young university known for its toplevel research, flat structures and short distances. It is comprised of thirteen departments that are divided into the Faculty of Sciences, the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Politics - Law - Economics. Konstanz is located in southern Germany, on the edge of Lake Constance and right on the border to Switzerland. On a clear day, you can see as far as the Alps.

Fellowships

The **2-year Postdoctoral Fellowship** is for all those in the early stage of their career who plan to develop and implement an independent research project.

5-year Research Fellowships and **5-year Hector Pioneer Fellow-ships** promote researchers with significant work experience at the postdoctoral level aiming for a career in academia. The Fellows build their own academic identity by leading an independent research group at the University of Konstanz. International experience in teaching or research is desirable. Hector Pioneer Fellowships are dedicated to extraordinary researchers in STEM fields.

Best Research Support for all Fellows

Each Fellow receives an annual research allowance. Furthermore, the Zukunftskolleg provides financial support for start-up, consumables and travel costs, and assists in developing academic skills. Funding is available for research assistants, exchange with recognized experts, travel, cooperative projects, and much more.

For further information about our exchange and funding instruments, please visit

- uni.kn/zukunftskolleg/support-measures

Eligibility Requirements

For all Fellowships

- Applicants must have a doctoral degree
- Applicants cannot currently hold a permanent position as full professor, or the equivalent of the German venia legendi ("Habilitation")
- Applicants must propose a research project that ties in with a discipline represented at the University of Konstanz
- Candidates with their own position funded by another program, which can be transferred to Konstanz, are also eligible

Additional for 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowships

 Applicants have a maximum of two years of postdoctoral research experience

Additional for 5-year Research Fellowships and Hector Pioneer Fellowships

- Applicants have a maximum of five years of postdoctoral research experience
- Applicants must have already secured a research grant of at least 50,000 Euros or an equivalent amount of funding to be used for their research while at the Zukunftskolleg. Applicants with pending grant applications are eligible to apply. A Fellowship offer would be contingent upon the successful attainment of the required thirdparty funding
- For the Hector Pioneer Fellowship: Applicants must propose a research project that ties in with one of the STEM disciplines and ideally with one of the academic focus areas of the University of Konstanz

Application Materials

Come and join us! Calls for applications are opened on a regular basis. Please check our website for the next deadline. Applications should be submitted via our online application portal – *zukunftskolleg.uni.kn/online-application*

The following documents are required to submit the application:

- A complete application form
- Motivation Letter (1 page max)
- Project Outline (5 pages max)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of all relevant degree certificates
- Writing Sample (30 pages max)
- Two letters of reference
- The names of two potential referees

For more information about the application process, selection criteria and deadlines please visit – uni.kn/zukunftskolleg



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