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The Zukunftskolleg

The Zukunftskolleg is an Institute for Advanced Study for early career researchers at the University of Konstanz. It offers 2-year and 5-year fellowships as well as a diverse network of support. Scholars in the humanities, social and natural sciences come to Konstanz from across the world to perform first-class research.

The fellows have responsibility for their own research group and funds. They are members of the Zukunftskolleg and one of the 13 departments at the University of Konstanz.

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.

Research Visits

The Research Visit programme at the Zukunftskolleg support temporary research stays up to six months by international early career researchers from partner research institutions. The programme facilitates research collaboration or publications, enables new teaching experiences or provides for a scientific retreat to complete papers, books or project proposals. It offers an opportunity to finish ongoing work, to establish or deepen research contacts and to identify and explore new and innovative directions for future research.

No limitation is placed on the area of research within the humanities, natural and social sciences. Interdepartmental and interdisciplinary study is encouraged, ideally in collaboration with a Zukunftskolleg fellow.

Benefits for visiting researchers

- Working space in the Zukunftskolleg with all the usual research facilities;
- Access to events organised by the Zukunftskolleg;
- Opportunity to present own research work to an interdisciplinary community within the weekly Jour Fixe at the Zukunftskolleg;
- Interaction with a lively international community of peers and support with contacting other researchers in your area of research;
- Access to library resources;
- Access to IT services;
- Access to research support and career development services;
- Administrative support for accommodation and travel preparations offered by the Welcome Center.



Fellows at the weekly Jour Fixe

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply if ...

- you are affiliated with one of the Zukunftskolleg's international partners.
- you hold a doctorate or equivalent professional qualification. Consideration will be given to the academic record and the publications of all applicants as well as their capacity to disseminate their views among an interdisciplinary community.
- you don't hold a permanent academic position or a professorship, or have a habilitation or equivalent. (If you do, you might be interested in our Senior Fellowships.)

You should provide evidence of any contact you have had with researchers at the Zukunftskolleg or at the University of Konstanz, and of the proposed collaboration during and beyond your stay at the Zukunftskolleg. Preference may be given to applicants who plan to collaborate with fellows currently at the Zukunftskolleg.



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Obligations for visiting researchers

- Reside in Konstanz or nearby throughout the Research Visit (the Welcome Centre of the University of Konstanz will gladly provide support with all organisational aspects of relocating to Konstanz);
- Contribute actively to interdisciplinary dialogue at the Zukunftskolleg during the weekly Jour Fixe meetings;
- Engage with fellows and researchers in relevant departments at the University of Konstanz;
- Present your work in a seminar or a public lecture;
- Acknowledge Zukunftskolleg support in any publications resulting from the stay;
- Write a short report on your activities and achievements (within six months of completing your Research Visit).

Application

Come and join us!

Partner institutes can nominate early career researchers for a Research Visit at the Zukunftskolleg. Nominations are accepted at any time and the Zukunftskolleg Executive Committee will review the candidates.

Please submit your documents to the person in charge at your institution. Required documents are:

- A short motivation letter (maximum two pages);
- CV and a copy of your doctoral certificate;
- Ideally a short letter of support from a fellow at the Zukunftskolleg or a researcher employed at the University of Konstanz;
- Timeline for the proposed activities.

In addition, calls for funding are opened on a regular basis. Funding will then include a round trip to Konstanz and up to 800 Euro per month toward accommodation in Konstanz.



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