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The University of Konstanz has been successful in the German Excellence Initiative since 2007.

The *Zukunftskolleg* is a central scientific institution of the University of Konstanz for the promotion of junior researchers in the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences, and is an integral component of the institutional strategy “Model Konstanz — Towards a Culture of Creativity.” The *Zukunftskolleg* forms a platform for interdisciplinary discourse between distinguished researchers in Germany and abroad, and provides them with resources to conduct their research free from restraints.

The *Zukunftskolleg* of the University of Konstanz offers

three 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowships (any discipline represented at the University of Konstanz) (Salary Scale 13 TV-L)

to develop and implement individual research projects. In principle, this position can be divided into two part-time positions.

The Postdoctoral Fellowship is available to researchers regardless of their nationality and field of research.

The fellowship will begin on March 1, 2019, and end on February 28, 2021.

The *Zukunftskolleg* provides a professional infrastructure and an appropriate workplace for conducting research independently in an international community. Fellows have the opportunity to benefit from a variety of career development measures, including the University of Konstanz’s Academic Staff Development and Research Support offices. Fellows may nominate recognized experts in their field of research as Senior Fellows, who will be invited to Konstanz for a research stay of one to twelve months. Each Postdoctoral Fellow receives a monthly Research Allowance. Furthermore, a pool is available for funding cooperative projects, research assistants, research visits and travel costs, and equipment purchases. Each fellow is a member of both a university department and the *Zukunftskolleg*.

The target group consists of researchers at the postdoctoral level, who are open-minded, risk-taking and intellectually gifted, so that they can reasonably be expected to take up leading roles in academia.

Applicant Requirements for this fellowship include:

- Candidates must be in possession of a doctoral degree by December 31, 2018 and have acquired two years of postdoctoral research experience at most.
- Candidates must not hold an academic permanent position, a professorship, or have a habilitation or equivalent (*Venia legendi*). Candidates with their own position funded by another programme, which can be transferred to Konstanz, are also eligible.
- Applicants must propose a research project that ties in with a discipline represented at the University of Konstanz. Applicants should contact potential mentors (Local Hosts) among the researchers at the University of Konstanz in order to ensure appropriate affiliation. Support from the department strengthens the application.

Fellows have an opportunity to teach. They are expected to participate actively in the regular weekly meetings of the *Zukunftskolleg* and to have their place of residence in Konstanz or surroundings.

Fellows are selected on the basis of their academic excellence, the quality and topicality of their research project outline, motivation to join and contribute to the Zukunftskolleg community. International experience in teaching or research, and a strong interest in interdisciplinary topics are desirable.

Applications are evaluated in a two-stage process:

1. Eligibility check and pre-selection based on the written application;
2. Further selection based on independent peer reviews.

Candidates will be informed about the decision by the end of January 2019.

More information on the *Zukunftskolleg* and current fellows, as well as a special section devoted to the application and selection process (application forms, guidelines on eligibility, evaluation criteria, the timeline and the stages of the selection process) are available on our website at:

<https://www.uni-konstanz.de/zukunftskolleg/> .

Persons with disabilities are explicitly encouraged to apply. They will be given preference if appropriately qualified (contact + 49 7531 88–4016).

As an equal opportunity employer, the University of Konstanz we strive to increase the number of women in research and teaching.

The University of Konstanz is committed to ensuring an environment that promotes a good balance between university and family life.

To find out how the University of Konstanz supports working couples through its dual career programme, please visit: <http://www.uni-konstanz.de/dcc>.

All applications and supporting materials must be submitted in English via the Online Application Platform including reference number 2018/154 at:

<https://www.uni-konstanz.de/zukunftskolleg/online-application/> .

The required documents include a completed application form, a letter of motivation, a research proposal, a curriculum vitae, a writing sample, and two letters of reference.

The deadline for applications is October 15, 2018, 11:00 am (Konstanz time).

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