Call for nominations: Invited Research Visits

The Zukunftskolleg of the University of Konstanz provides funding for up to

3 x Invited Research Visits for international early career researchers

lasting from one up to three months and based at the Zukunftskolleg in the year 2021. An extension of the visit in 2022 is also possible.

Aim

This call for funding seeks to enhance the international research cooperation of our fellows. The support measure funds temporary research stays from one up to three months by international early career researchers at the Zukunftskolleg. The Research Visits aim to provide an opportunity to engage in a research project in collaboration with a Zukunftskolleg Fellow at the University of Konstanz. Candidates must be nominated by a fellow of the Zukunftskolleg. No limitation is placed on the area of research within the humanities, natural and social sciences. Inter-departmental and inter-disciplinary research is encouraged.

Visiting researchers receive a working space in the Zukunftskolleg with all the usual research facilities and are expected to participate in all Zukunftskolleg’s activities. Experimental projects in the natural sciences can only be supported if arrangements for lab space are made with the respective departments since the Zukunftskolleg does not have any laboratory space of its own.

Funding will include round trip travel to Konstanz (economy fare), up to 800€ per month for accommodation in Konstanz and a contribution to the living costs. The Zukunftskolleg will not offer employment contracts for Research Visits. As a university-based Institute for Advanced Study within the German academic system the Zukunftskolleg follows the family oriented strategies of the University of Konstanz.

Benefits for visiting researchers

- Standard expenses for one economy-class trip to Konstanz and back,
- Up to EUR 800€ per month for accommodation in Konstanz,
- Living allowance of 400€,
- Access to events organised by the Zukunftskolleg;
- The opportunity to present your research work to an interdisciplinary community at the Zukunftskolleg’s weekly Jour fixe;
- Interaction with a lively international community of peers and support with contacting other researchers in your area of research;
- Access to library resources and IT services;
- Work space at the Zukunftskolleg (dependent on availability).

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, e.g. during the weekly Jour fixe meetings;
- Engage with fellows and researchers in relevant departments at the University of Konstanz;
- Present your work in seminars or public lectures;
- Acknowledge Zukunftskolleg support in any publications resulting from the stay;
- A short report on your activities and achievements (within 6 months of completing your Research Visit).

**Eligibility**

- Zukunftskolleg Postdoctoral, Hector and Research Fellows are invited to nominate international early career researchers for the Research Visits. Nominees may not be based/working at a German research institution or university.
- Nominees for Research Visits hold a doctorate or equivalent professional qualification. Consideration will be given to the academic record and the publications as well as their capacity to disseminate their views among an interdisciplinary community.
- Nominees may not hold a permanent professorship, nor have a habilitation or equivalent qualification (*Venia legendi*).
- Fellows and nominees should sketch the proposed collaboration during and beyond the planned stay at the Zukunftskolleg. Please also provide evidence of any contact with other researchers at the Zukunftskolleg or the University of Konstanz. A planned collaboration with fellows currently at the Zukunftskolleg is mandatory for nomination.

**Nomination**

Submit your nomination documents in English as a single PDF file to zukunftskolleg@uni-konstanz.de. Nominations should include the following materials:

- A letter of motivation presenting the benefits of the research visit for the Fellow and the visiting researcher (max. 2 pages);
- A joint research project description (maximum 5 pages including references) by the Zukunftskolleg’s fellow and nominated visiting researcher;
- CV and a copy of the nominee’s doctoral certificate;
- Timeline for the proposed activities in 2021 and 2022, if applicable. As a central aim of the research visit is to create networks with fellows and other researchers at the university, the majority of your research stay should fall within the semester (see the university’s calendar for details);
- Expenditure plan for the year 2021. (The applicants are encouraged to spend the money in the financial year 2021. If the proposed research visit needs to be extended beyond the current financial year, please submit an additional expenditure plan for the financial year 2022.)

**Deadlines:** 4 June and 5 July 2021, 15:00 CET

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