



# Call for Applications

## Postdoc Fellowships at Freie Universität Berlin in 2015

The “Postdoc International” POINT research fellowship program – co-financed by the German Excellence Initiative and the Marie Curie Program of the European Commission – provides funding for outstanding postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines to conduct their own research project at Freie Universität Berlin. The aim is to support highly-qualified postdocs with international research experience and to integrate them into the university’s research networks in an early phase of their career.

The POINT program was designed by Dahlem Research School at Freie Universität Berlin to promote the further academic career development through research funding, a tailored qualification program and the opportunity to develop teaching and leadership skills. The program furthermore provides essential professional guidance on preparing grant proposals to support POINT fellows in obtaining funding for follow-up research projects at Freie Universität Berlin.

Dahlem Research School offers

## 20 Postdoc Fellowships

Starting in January 2015, each research fellowship will be awarded for 18 months.

The call is open to experienced researchers of all disciplines and all nationalities who

- hold a doctoral degree (the dissertation must be submitted and proof of this must be available by the application deadline)
- completed their doctoral degree no longer than 6 years before the deadline (starting with the date on the doctoral certificate)
- have not lived in Germany for longer than 12 months during the last 36 months before the deadline, 4 July 2014.

Female postdoctoral researchers and returnees from phases of international, inter-sectoral and/or non-academic mobility (such as researching outside Germany, working for industry or a career break e.g. due to family reasons) are specifically encouraged to apply.

**Applicants have to submit a project plan based around the research fields/ key topics of the participating Excellence Projects or Focus Areas.**

**Deadline for applications: 4 July 2014, 12:00 noon (Berlin local time)**

[www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/promovieren/drs/drs\\_fellowships/incoming\\_fellowships\\_call2014](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/promovieren/drs/drs_fellowships/incoming_fellowships_call2014)



## Funding

- 18 months, starting January 2015
- Employment contract at level TV-L FU E13 (which refers to the collective agreement for the public area of Berlin and translates into an annual net salary of approx. 26.600 to 34.200 Euro, depending on previous work experience and marital status)
- Social security and health insurance included
- A total research allowance for the duration of the project of 10.800 Euro for non lab-based/ 16.200 Euro for field trip-based/ 21.600 Euro for lab-based projects
- A monthly mobility allowance of 200 Euro and a one-time travel allowance

## Selection

Fellows are selected in a five-step procedure:

1. Administrative eligibility check
2. Feasibility check
3. International peer review
4. Structured interviews
5. Approval by the University's Executive Board

Each phase must be passed successfully to proceed to the next. Candidates will receive an identification code which will allow anonymized results of each selection phase to be published on a secure website with limited access. After completion of each phase, applicants will be notified by e-mail each time new selection results are announced.

## Application

To apply, candidates need to register with the DRS online application platform (on the [DRS website](#)). Once registered, they should fill out the online application form and upload all required documents. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

**For further application details please visit the [DRS website](#).**

## Contacts

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## Participating Excellence Projects and Focus Areas

### *Humanities and Social Sciences*

#### **Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGS MCS)**

Research fields: Muslim societies in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, as well as Muslim communities in Europe and North America.

For further details regarding the BGS MCS please contact [managing.director@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de](mailto:managing.director@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de](http://www.bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de).

#### **Center for Area Studies (CAS)**

The Center for Area Studies (CAS) represents a unique feature of Freie Universität Berlin in that it concentrates regional expertise across the humanities and social sciences for North America, Latin America, Eastern Europe, East Asia, and the Near East.

For further details regarding the Center for Area Studies please contact Gregor Walter-Drop at [geschaefsstelle@cas.fu-berlin.de](mailto:geschaefsstelle@cas.fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.fu-berlin.de/cas](http://www.fu-berlin.de/cas)

#### **Dahlem Humanities Center (DHC)**

The Dahlem Humanities Center (DHC) creates an overarching interdisciplinary research framework to study the outward manifestations, principles, and functions of cultural dynamics.

For further details regarding the Dahlem Humanities Center please contact Katja Heinrich at [k.heinrich@fu-berlin.de](mailto:k.heinrich@fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.fu-berlin.de/dhc](http://www.fu-berlin.de/dhc)

#### **Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS)**

Research fields: The interdisciplinary analysis of institutions in East Asia from a social science perspective and historical grounding; Trans-regional phenomena, interregional comparisons, or regional case studies in China, Japan and Korea.

For further details regarding the GEAS please contact Katrin Gengenbach at [coordinator@geas.fu-berlin.de](mailto:coordinator@geas.fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.geas.fu-berlin.de](http://www.geas.fu-berlin.de).

#### **Topoi - The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations**

Topoi examines the interdependence of space and knowledge in civilizations of the Ancient Near East, the Mediterranean, and Black Sea region and parts of the Eurasian steppe from the 6th millennium BC to around AD 500

Key topics: Innovations in antiquity; Mapping in physical or mental diagrams, maps, and pictures; Ancient economy; Water management in antiquity; collective identities; and the transformation of antique phenomena.

For further questions regarding Topoi please contact Hauke Ziemssen, [hauke.ziemssen@fu-berlin.de](mailto:hauke.ziemssen@fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.topoi.org](http://www.topoi.org)



## Natural and Life Sciences

### Berlin Mathematical School (BMS)

Research fields: Differential and Discrete Geometry, Algebraic and Arithmetic Geometry, Algebraic Topology, Discrete Mathematics, Visualization, Numerical Mathematics, Scientific Computing, Geometric Analysis, Differential Equations.

For further details regarding the BMS please contact Bettina Felsner, [Bettina.Felsner@fu-berlin.de](mailto:Bettina.Felsner@fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.math-berlin.de](http://www.math-berlin.de).

### The Dahlem Centre for Plant Sciences (DCPS)

DCPS aims for a comprehensive understanding of diverse aspects of plant life by integrating disciplines such as genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, ecology, plant geography, and history of botany

Key topics: Plant mobile genetic elements: activities, functions, genome evolution; effect of plant diversity loss on above- and below-ground functions and stability of ecosystems; Rhizosphere interactions and their impacts on ecosystem functions; investigation of interaction between saponins and ribosomal inactivating proteins

For further details regarding the Dahlem Centre for Plant Sciences please contact Diana Mutz at [diana.mutz@fu-berlin.de](mailto:diana.mutz@fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.dcps.fu-berlin.de](http://www.dcps.fu-berlin.de).

### Disease in Human Aging (DynAge)

The Focus Area DynAge investigates dynamics at the level of molecules, individuals and society.

Key topic: Disease in Human Aging: Tumors, Cardiovascular Disease, Musculoskeletal Diseases, and Cognitive Disorders/ Depression

For further details regarding the Focus Area Disease in Human Aging please contact Linda Parschau at [linda.parschau@fu-berlin.de](mailto:linda.parschau@fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.fu-berlin.de/dynage](http://www.fu-berlin.de/dynage)

### NanoScale

NanoScale focuses on advanced interdisciplinary research on materials properties of nanoscale systems.

Key topic 1: Supramolecular Interactions

Key topic 2: Nanoscale Systems

For further details regarding NanoScale please contact Achim Wiedekind at [achim.wiedekind@fu-berlin.de](mailto:achim.wiedekind@fu-berlin.de) or visit [www.nanoscale.fu-berlin.de](http://www.nanoscale.fu-berlin.de)

### NeuroCure

Research fields: Synaptic basis of cognitive aging; Neurogenetic/neurophysiology/behavior interactions relevant for auditory-guided vocal communication learning; The cellular and molecular basis of auditory system function and development.

For further questions regarding NeuroCure please contact Marian Brackmann at [marian.brackmann@charite.de](mailto:marian.brackmann@charite.de) or visit [www.neurocure.de](http://www.neurocure.de).