

DRS Postdoc Fellowships: Orientation and Qualification 2016



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DEAR DRS FELLOWS,

Congratulations on being chosen for a DRS Postdoc Fellowship at Freie Universität Berlin, and welcome to the Orientation Days and Qualification Program 2016.

Getting off to a good start

Attending the Orientation Days is the best way to start your stay at Freie Universität Berlin. The purpose of these days is to help you make a smooth transition into university life in Berlin. You will gain practical information on issues such as residence and registration formalities, university administration and working conditions as well as on the research landscape and funding opportunities in Germany.

During the days, we have invited coordinators from different Focus Areas and Excellence Projects to introduce you to their programs and the research structures at Freie Universität Berlin. We will also be joined by experienced researchers who will talk about their career paths and share their opinions on what it takes to succeed in Germany's academic environment.

And of course there will be plenty of opportunity to get to know your fellow researchers!

Qualification Program

The DRS Postdoc Fellowship Qualification Program is made up of the Orientation Days, the comprehensive course offer at Dahlem Research School and German Classes at the Goethe Institut. Please note that it is a requirement of your fellowship to take part in at least one course each in the areas of strategic career planning, grants writing and teaching & learning. In addition, we strongly recommend to take part in a course on project management.

Contact

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you!

Your DRS Fellowship Team
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WHAT DOES THE QUALIFICATION PROGRAM PROVIDE?

Orientation

An overview of the DRS Postdoc Fellowship Program and information on working conditions, research structures and academic life at Freie Universität Berlin / in Germany.

German Classes

You will have access to German classes at the Goethe Institut.

Networking

An opportunity to network with other postdoctoral fellows from various disciplines.

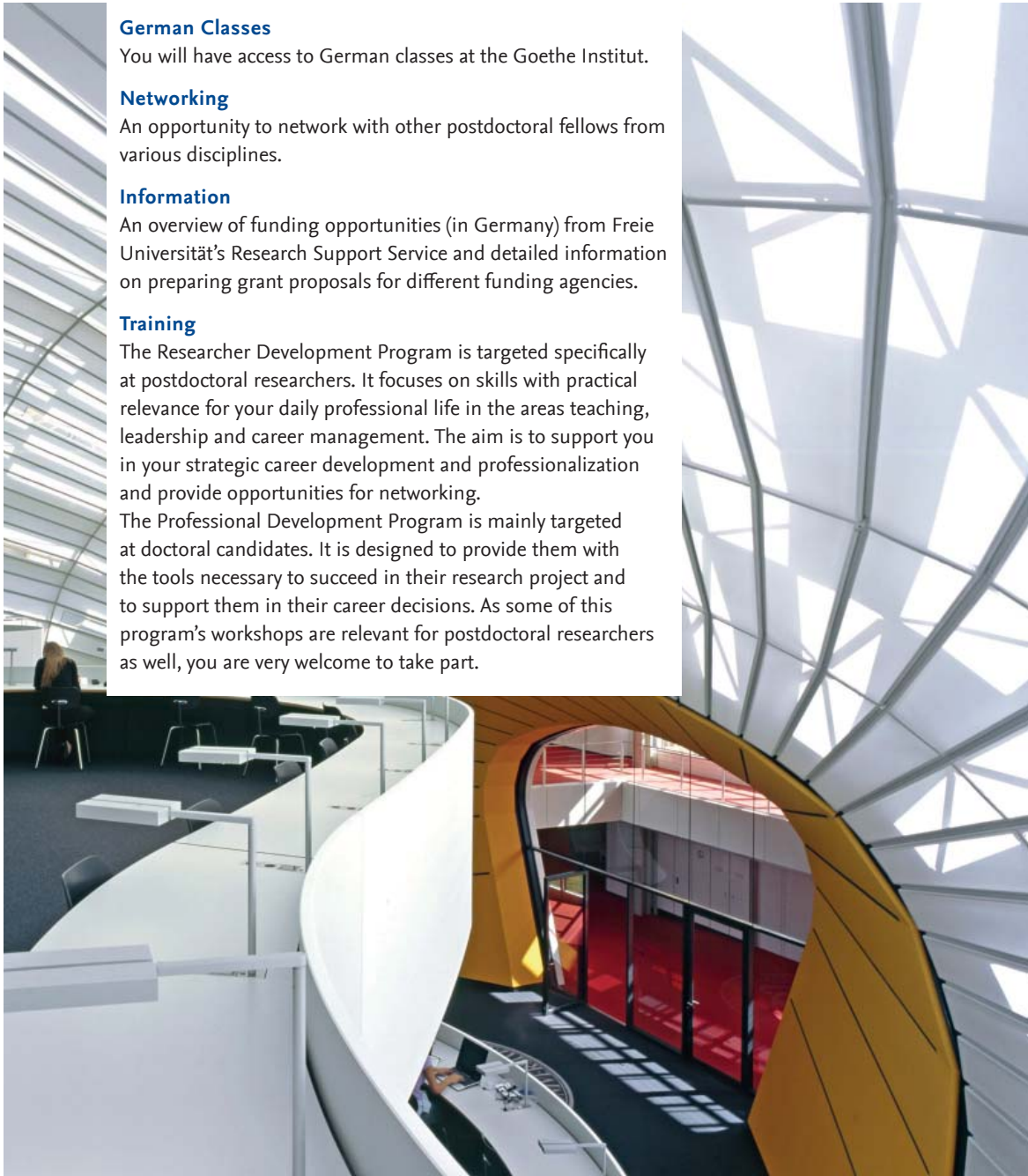
Information

An overview of funding opportunities (in Germany) from Freie Universität's Research Support Service and detailed information on preparing grant proposals for different funding agencies.

Training

The Researcher Development Program is targeted specifically at postdoctoral researchers. It focuses on skills with practical relevance for your daily professional life in the areas teaching, leadership and career management. The aim is to support you in your strategic career development and professionalization and provide opportunities for networking.

The Professional Development Program is mainly targeted at doctoral candidates. It is designed to provide them with the tools necessary to succeed in their research project and to support them in their career decisions. As some of this program's workshops are relevant for postdoctoral researchers as well, you are very welcome to take part.





ORIENTATION WEEK – January 6-8, 2016

WED, JANUARY 6	CONTENT	LOCATION
9:00 – 12:00	Welcome by Dr. Martina van de Sand, Head of Dahlem Research School Being a DRS Fellow at Freie Universität Berlin Andrea Dünschede, DRS Fellowships	Dahlem Research School, Hittorfstr. 16, 14195 Berlin Room 004
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	Mensa II, Otto-von-Simson-Str. 26 14195 Berlin New fellows should bring their work contracts to be able to obtain a „Mensa card“
14:00 – 18:00	Guided tour of the German parliament building Astrid Bergmann, DRS Fellowships	Meeting point: Dahlem Research School, Hittorfstr. 16, 14195 Berlin Fellows should bring their passports and a BVG (public transport) ticket/small change to purchase a ticket

THU, JANUARY 7	CONTENT	LOCATION
9:00 – 12:00	Structures and procedures at Freie Universität Berlin Andrea Dünschede, DRS Fellowships Research institutions in Germany Astrid Bergmann, DRS Fellowships	Dahlem Research School, Hittorfstr. 16, 14195 Berlin Room 004
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	Mensa II, Otto-von-Simson-Str. 26 or Mensa I (Vegetarian), Van't Hoff Str. 6

14:00 – 15:30	Academic career paths – a comparison Christoph Scherfer, Researcher Development Program (RDP)	Dahlem Research School, Hittorfstr. 16, 14195 Berlin Room 004
15:30 – 17:00	Meet your hosts: Excellence Programs & Focus Areas	Dahlem Research School, Hittorfstr. 16, 14195 Berlin Room 001 / 004

FRI, JANUARY 8	CONTENT	LOCATION
9:30 – 12:00	Grants & Funding: Funding opportunities in Germany Research Funding Support Service	Dahlem Research School, Hittorfstr. 16, 14195 Berlin Room 004
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	Mensa I (Vegetarian) Van't Hoff Str.6
13:30 – 14:30	Guided tour of University Library	University Library, Garystr. 39 14195 Berlin
15:00 – 17:00	The way to a chair Fellows meet Freie Universität's current Fellows/ Junior Group Leaders/ Junior Professors	Dahlem Research School, Hittorfstr. 16, 14195 Berlin Room 004
17:00 – 19:00	Welcome Reception with Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt, President of Freie Universität Berlin and DRS Fellowship alumni, coordinators, advisors, buddies ...	Topoi Villa Ground Floor Hittorfstr. 18 14195 Berlin



COURSE OFFER AT DAHLEM RESEARCH SCHOOL

Participation in one course in each of the following areas is required as part of the DRS Postdoc Fellowship Program:

Career Development

Grants Writing

Teaching and Learning

We strongly recommend to also attend a course on project management.

All courses are offered at least once per year as part of the DRS Researcher Development Program (aimed at postdocs, junior group leaders and junior professors) or the DRS Professional Development Program (aimed at doctoral candidates and postdocs). Beyond the required and recommended courses you may register for any course of your own choosing.

Upcoming courses in the DRS Researcher Development Program:

TUE/FRI 14/15 JANUARY 2016 OR THU/FRI 7/8 APRIL 2016 OR MON/TUE 26/27 JUNE 2016

9:00 – 17:00 **Grant Proposal Writing**

MON 29 FEBRUARY 2016

9:00 – 17:00 **Project Management for Researchers**

THU/FRI 17/18 MARCH

9:00 – 17:00 **Supervision of Doctoral Candidates**

MON 2 MAY 2016

9:00 – 17:00 **How to Become a Group Leader**

MO/TUE 9/10 MAY 2016

9:00 – 17:00 **Teaching Core Certificate I**

WE/THU 15/16 JUNE 2016

9:00 – 17:00 **Reflecting Career Aims**

MON/TUE 04/05 JULY 2016

9:00 – 17:00 **Getting Published and Understanding the Review Process (Natural Sciences)**

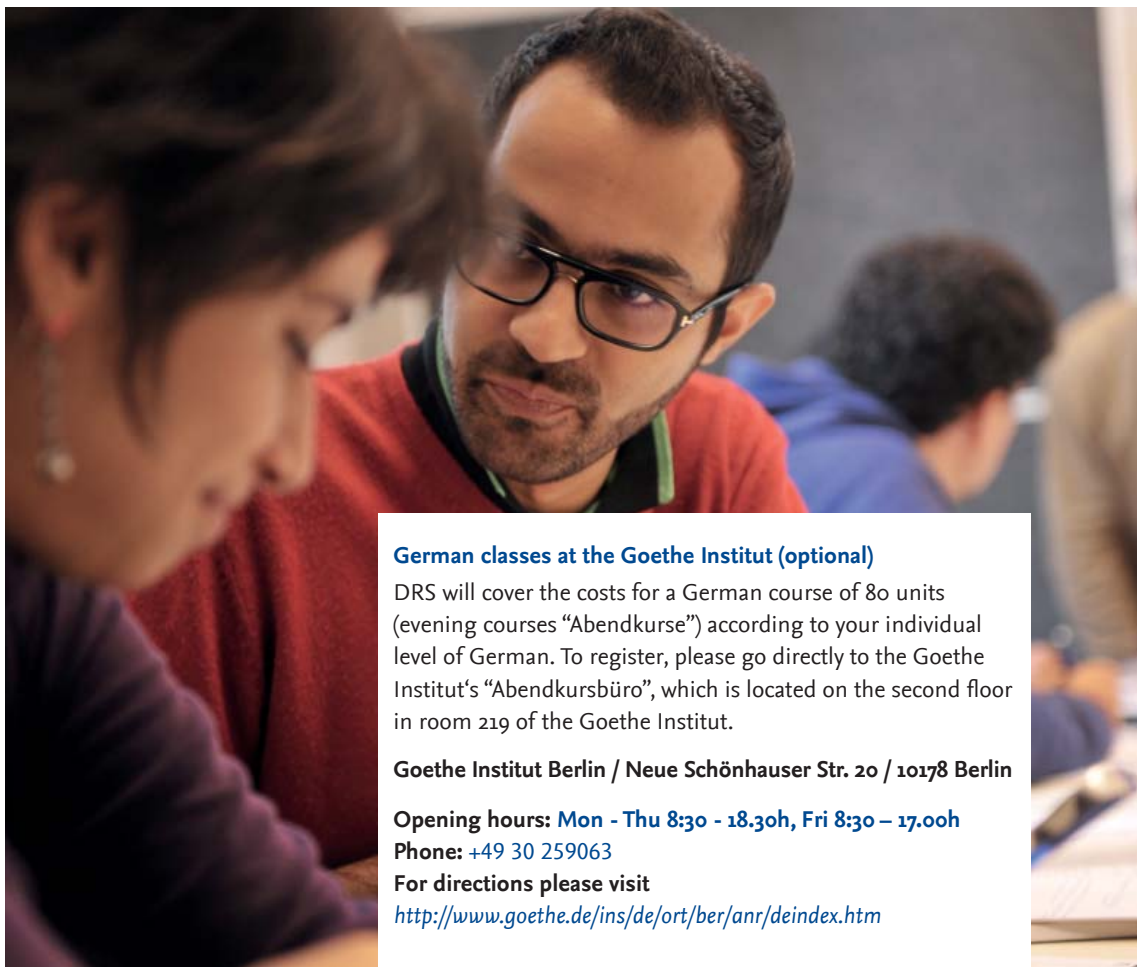
Course details and information on how to register for a course can be found at:

<http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/drs/rdp/rdpprogram/index.html>

Upcoming courses in the DRS Professional Development Program are:

MO/TUE 18/19 JANUARY 2016	
9:00 – 17:00	Teaching and Learning at University Level
MO/TUE 20/21 JANUARY 2016	
9:00 – 17:00	Applying for Research Grants
TUE 21 JUNE 2016	
9:00 – 17:00	Keep your Talk fresh - Storytelling Techniques

Course details and information on how to register for a course can be found at:
http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/drs/qualification/skills_teaser/index.html



German classes at the Goethe Institut (optional)
DRS will cover the costs for a German course of 80 units (evening courses “Abendkurse”) according to your individual level of German. To register, please go directly to the Goethe Institut’s “Abendkursbüro”, which is located on the second floor in room 219 of the Goethe Institut.

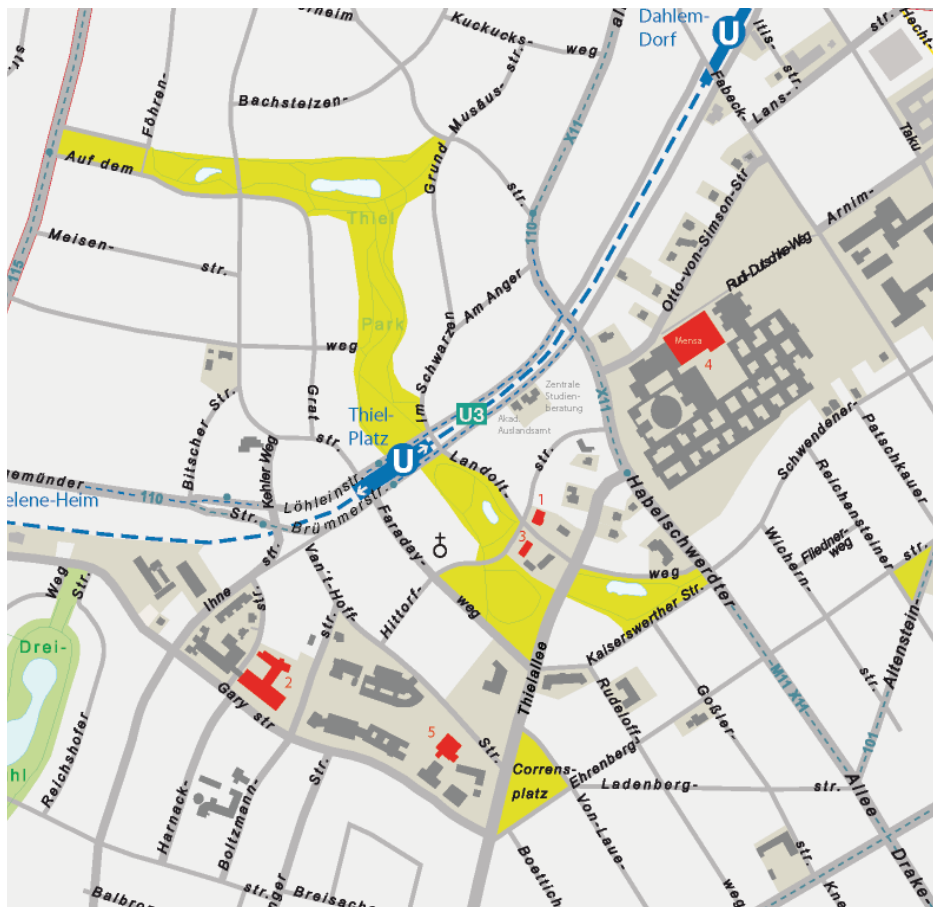
Goethe Institut Berlin / Neue Schönhauser Str. 20 / 10178 Berlin

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 8:30 - 18.30h, Fri 8:30 – 17.00h
Phone: +49 30 259063
For directions please visit
<http://www.goethe.de/ins/de/ort/ber/anr/deindex.htm>



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Directions: Underground station U3 Thielplatz, from there it is a 3-5 min. walk to all locations

- 1: Dahlem Research School, Hittorfstr. 16
- 2: Topoi Villa, Hittorfstr. 18
- 3: University Library, Garystr. 39
- 4: Mensa II (Canteen), Otto-von-Simson-Str. 26
- 5: Veggie No.1 (Canteen), Van't Hoff Str. 6

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