

## EINSTEIN GUEST PROFESSORSHIPS AND EINSTEIN JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOSTER ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

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### I. OBJECTIVE

The Einstein Foundation is committed to fostering academic freedom and international collaboration. Two special programmes (Einstein Guest Professorships and Einstein Junior Scholarships) are offered temporary in order to reach this objective and to enable researchers who are experiencing constraints in their work around the world to come to Berlin for two years to pursue their research without undue restrictions or threats. First and foremost the programmes are intended to support top researchers from regions of conflict. Furthermore, they are directed at researchers from regions that experience subtle or direct restrictions of research, and who look for opportunities to return, migrate or cooperate with countries offering a work environment free of constraints. At the same time these programmes strengthen Berlin's image as a tolerant and open city that offers researchers the environment to work on their research questions unhampered.

### II. ELIGIBILITY

The following institutions are eligible to apply: Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, Universität der Künste Berlin and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin.

### III. FUNDING

The Einstein Foundation seeks to foster academic freedom and international collaboration through two new and temporary funding schemes as mentioned above: **Einstein Guest Professorships** and **Einstein Junior Scholarships**. Both programmes combine and are based upon existing and well-proven funding schemes of the Einstein Foundation, with the exception that the funding period is limited to the years 2018 and 2019 and the eligible institutions can hand in applications independently of any deadlines.

**Einstein Guest Professorships** can support researchers who are constrained in their academic freedom and who are already on an advanced career level, whereas **Einstein Junior Scholarships** are suited for researchers at an earlier stage in their career.

Both programmes also allow to seek subsequent funding in cases where the candidate already receives support through the Philipp-Schwartz-Initiative of the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation.

Within the framework of these programmes and in order to honour the city twinning agreement between Berlin and Los Angeles, two grants are earmarked for researchers from the University of California System specializing in climate research sustainable urban development and smart cities.

Besides remuneration (position paid analogous to max. W2 or scholarship, respectively) indirectly incurred expenses can be applied for (up to 15.000 € for the entire funding period).

#### **IV. FUNDING PERIOD**

Funding is limited to two years under the condition that the funds provided by the State of Berlin can be drawn beyond 2019. Otherwise funding will end by December 31, 2019.

#### **V. APPLICATION PROCESS**

The eligible institutions can apply for Einstein Guest Professorships and Einstein Junior Scholarships with the publication of this programme information. Aside from justifying the choice for the proposed candidate the applications should illustrate the potential candidate's contribution to the strategic development of Berlin as a research location.

#### **VI. USE OF FUNDS**

The approved funds may only be drawn through the university or Charité in accordance with the regulations on third-party funding.

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