

## Call for Applications for the Fellowship Program POINT

The Dahlem Research School at Freie Universität Berlin has established a new research fellowship program called Postdoc International "POINT". Its purpose is to reinforce the international dimension of junior researchers by supporting highly-qualified postdocs from abroad.

For this purpose, Dahlem Research School offers

### 5 Postdoctoral Fellowships

Starting in November 2011, each research fellowship is awarded for twelve-months to support postdocs carrying out a defined research project in one of Freie Universität's Research Focus Areas (Center for Area Studies, Dahlem Humanities Center, Dahlem Centre for Plant Sciences, Men in Urban Agglomerations - MILIEU and NanoScale). The program is designed to support the further academic career development of the researchers by enhancing their research experience integrated in excellent research groups, by facilitating new co-operations in a stimulating research environment, as well as by promoting their teaching and leadership skills. Aiming at submitting a successful grant application for a subsequent project at the Freie Universität by end of the fellowship, the program will also provide professional guidance essential to preparing grant proposals.

The main objective of the program is to enhance academic diversity and excellence and promote international cooperation at Freie Universität Berlin. Moreover, Freie Universität aims at fostering trans-national academic exchange, increasing trans-national mobility, promoting further education, and in the long-term enhancing scientific networking and international research collaboration among Freie Universität and the researchers' home institutions.

#### **Deadline for applications: August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011**

Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Please check your documents carefully before submission.

**For further information regarding this call for applications please go to the [DRS-fellowship webpage](#).**

#### **Research Topics**

For the [Center for Area Studies](#) (CAS) applications are invited for research in the following fields:

1. Business, Culture and Society
2. Migration, Exile and Diaspora

For further questions regarding CAS and their research topics please contact Anja vom Stein, [geschaeftsstelle@cas.fu-berlin.de](mailto:geschaeftsstelle@cas.fu-berlin.de) or refer to the [CAS-homepage](#).

### Eligibility

- The call is open to experienced researchers (min. 4 years incl. PhD, max. 10 years of experience) from abroad. German citizens are not eligible.
- Non-German researchers who are currently resident in Germany may apply, provided they have not lived in Germany for longer than 6 months at the point of application.

### Duration

12 Months, starting November 2011

### Funding

- Postdoctoral research fellows receive a working contract according to the collective agreement for the public area of Berlin (TV-L FU E13 pay grade of approx. 1960 Euro per month after tax)
- Social security and health insurance are covered by the salary.
- Research allowance

### Application procedure

1. Please complete the entire [online application form](#).
2. After having filed the electronic application form, we kindly ask you to send us the required application materials listed in the following section via email to [fellowship-drs@fu-berlin.de](mailto:fellowship-drs@fu-berlin.de).  
**Reference: DRS-POINT-2011**

### Application Materials

The following documents must be included in an application for a fellowship:

- (1) CV including personal information, academic and professional career, credentials and references (names and contact details of at least two referees including their position, department/institution or company and its function). Please note that each named referee should provide a letter of reference to be submitted with the CV. Letter of Motivation (max. 1 DIN A4-page)
- (2) Candidates applying for the Focus Area "Center for Area Studies" are requested to submit a project outline for the intended research topic (of 3 to 5 DIN A4-pages)
- (3) Abstract of your PhD-thesis (max. 1 DIN A4-page)
- (4) Proof of scientific excellence (a list of outstanding and relevant publications)
- (5) A list of approved research projects/third-party-projects and important research co-operations (please include the department/institution or company, its function, contact information, topic of research/project title and type of cooperation)
- (6) Specifics (e.g. parental leave, care for family members, etc.)

For all written materials please use the following formatting: 2 cm top, bottom and side margins, font Arial, font size 10, 1.5 line spacing.

Please combine all records into one pdf-document (max. 10 MB). Applications exceeding 10 MB will not be considered. All application documents must be submitted in English.

### Selection process

If your application is complete, you will receive online acknowledgement of your application upon receipt together with an individual code number for your application. And, you will receive a link and login details for a secure web page to be able to view the selection procedure at any time. The results of the selection procedure will be anonymized and only the code numbers will be published. Applicants are notified by e-mail each time new results are announced.

URL: [http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/promovieren/drs/drs\\_grant\\_postdoctoral/point\\_fellowship/index.html](http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/promovieren/drs/drs_grant_postdoctoral/point_fellowship/index.html)

## Contact

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For questions regarding the DRS-fellowship POINT please contact DRS POINT-Co-ordination,  
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