

Apply with us for “Academic Freedom Programme” by Einstein Foundation Berlin

The Einstein Fellows Research Group at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (HU) is looking for candidates to apply to the Einstein Foundation Berlin (ESB) “Academic Freedom Programme”, which aims to support scientists and researchers from regions that experience subtle or direct restrictions of research. If you see yourself represented by the following features you may fit one of our post-doctoral research groups at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Requirements:

In addition to the eligibility criteria by ESB:

<https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/>

- doing excellent research in one (or both) of the following fields:
 1. Migration and Diaspora
 2. Democracy, Rule of Law and Authoritarianism
- interested in teaming up with other Einstein Fellows and scholars at HU
- either currently living in Berlin or willing to move to Berlin for the duration of the fellowship
- whose productive stay outside the home country doesn't exceed 4 years

Tasks:

- Present and report about your research
- Co-organize a public lecture series at HU
- Regularly attend ERG meetings and the colloquium of the affiliated institute
- Contribute to the conceptual development of the Einstein Fellows Programme @ HU

To be considered for our 2020 application please send your current CV, a letter of intention (addressing current restrictions on your research), and project proposal (2-3 pages) until 31 Jan. 2020 to einstein@hu-berlin.de

In addition to the constraints in your work and/or undue restrictions or threats experienced in the countries of origin, academic excellence and thematic fit are core selection criteria. Please note that the application process might last at least 6 months and that the final decision will be taken by ESB!

About Einstein Fellows Research Group

Since 2018, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU) has been the host of the coordinated *Einstein Fellows Research Group*. For up to 2 years, eight fellows are conducting their individual research projects within the programme for endangered scholars of the Einstein Foundation Berlin (ESB) "*Academic Freedom*". Einstein Fellows are affiliated to the *Institute for Social Sciences* (ISW), the *Integrated Research Institute Law and Society* (LSI) and the *Berlin Institute for Empirical Migration and Integration Research* (BIM). Two research groups are formed around the topics "Migration and diaspora" (BIM) and "Democracy, rule of law and authoritarianism" (ISW and LSI).

The aim of this program is to offer opportunities and support to scholars in establishing themselves in the German academic system. Fellows are integrated into a productive working environment through regular team meetings, colloquia, and intensive interdisciplinary dialogue. A coordination team takes care of the fellows' questions in university matters, creates professional development opportunities and offers a platform to develop long-term perspectives in German academia. A strong asset is ERG's relation to the long established network and regular activities of *Blickwechsel Programme for Contemporary Turkey Studies* at HU financed by Stiftung Mercator.

As faculty members (hired as "Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiter" or post-doc fellows) our fellows are involved in all institutional activities, e.g. participation in academic self-administration and teaching at the Department of Social Sciences. Within the format of two coordinated research groups, the scholars initiate academic network meetings, public events and publish their research on academic and non-academic platforms.

Einstein Fellows Research Group:

<https://www.blickwechsel-tuerkei.de/de/Fellows.php>

Our funding programme:

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