

1. Goals and target groups	<p>The Freie Universität Research Alumni Program intensifies outreach to former visiting scholars in order to strengthen Freie Universität's international network. The program aims to foster academic exchange and collaboration. Existing contacts should be revitalized, joint projects initiated, and junior researchers included in international research cooperation. Sustainable cooperation beyond the realm of this funding scheme is therefore expressly desired.</p> <p>Eligible Research Alumni are persons who have previously spent a significant amount of time at Freie Universität as visiting scholars (doctoral students, postdocs or established researchers) and are now continuing their research abroad as assistant, associate or full professors (or equivalent).</p> <p>Eligible junior researchers include all international doctoral students and postdocs, whose supervisors are Research Alumni of Freie Universität, as well as, Freie Universität doctoral students and postdocs, whose supervisors have hosted guest researchers at Freie Universität. Applicants should be within the first four years (full-time equivalent) of their current doctoral or postdoc position.</p>
2. Supported activities	<p>Research Stays for Research Alumni Former guest researchers (see definition Research Alumni above) may apply for two- to six-week research stays at Freie Universität. A signed hosting agreement confirming the invitation, the availability of workspace and adequate supervision is required from the potential host as part of the application.</p> <p>The stay at Freie Universität should be used to intensify research cooperation between Research Alumni and their current home institutions and Freie Universität. The host at Freie Universität does not necessarily have to be the same host as for the previous stay.</p> <p>Research Stays for Junior Researchers International and Freie Universität junior researchers who are working with Research Alumni or former hosts of Research Alumni at Freie Universität may apply for funding of two- to six-week research stays.</p> <p>The research stays must be carried out at the home institution of the respective Research Alumni contact. A signed hosting agreement confirming the invitation, the availability of workspace and adequate supervision is required from the potential host as part of the application.</p> <p>Stays abroad are intended to foster research, teaching or publishing opportunities with Research Alumni / Research Alumni hosts and their teams. Attendance of conferences cannot be funded by the Research Alumni Program.</p>
3. Implementation period	June 2018 – March 2019

4. Eligible applicants	<p>1. Research Stays at Freie Universität Research Alumni and international junior researchers from their teams (as defined under <i>1. Goals and target groups</i>) are eligible to apply. The potential host at Freie Universität must confirm the invitation and guarantee a workspace for the period of the research stay.</p> <p>2. Research Stays with Research Alumni Freie Universität junior researchers (as defined under <i>1. Goals and target groups</i>) whose supervisors have hosted guest researchers at Freie Universität are eligible to apply. For junior researchers with Freie Universität employment contracts the stay will be funded as a business trip. It must be approved by the relevant supervisor and it must not conflict with the applicant's teaching obligations or other contractual commitments. The potential international host must confirm the invitation and guarantee a workspace for the period of the research stay.</p> <p>Due to organizational reasons, applications for or from <i>Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin</i> Medical School cannot be considered.</p>
5. Scope of Funding	<p>1. Research Stays at Freie Universität Successful applicants are awarded a one-time travel grant (see overview) and a general allowance: Based upon a 4-week stay, doctoral students and postdocs (and beyond) receive an allowance of 1,500 Euro and 1,800 Euro respectively. If the granted stay is shorter or longer, the allowance will be reduced or increased accordingly. Accommodation has to be organized individually by the applicant. For more information and for the varying travel grants, please refer to the funding overview available for download.</p> <p>2. Research Stays with Research Alumni Freie Universität junior researchers are awarded a one-time travel grant (see overview) and a general allowance: Based upon a 4-week stay, doctoral students and postdocs (and beyond) receive an allowance of 1,500 Euro and 1,800 Euro respectively. If the granted stay is shorter or longer the allowance will be reduced or increased accordingly. Accommodation has to be organized individually by the applicant.</p> <p>Stays of junior researchers who are employed at Freie Universität will be undertaken as business trips and are funded as stated above.</p> <p>Please also carefully read the information provided in the funding overview available for download.</p>
6. Application documents	<p>All application documents may be submitted in German or English. <u>Please note, that applications can only be considered if complete and on-time.</u> This also includes to the filled-out and signed hosting agreement.</p> <p>To be submitted by the applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Filled-out application form- Applicant's CV

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project description for research stay (please use form)- Current proof of status (doctoral student, postdoc, professor or equivalent) at home institution- For junior researchers employed at Freie Universität: approval of research stay by department or supervisor (via email or letter) <p>To be submitted by the host (FU researcher or Research Alumna/us)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Signed hosting agreement (sent directly to the Freie Universität Berlin Alumni Office via email or letter)
7. Application recipient	Please submit your application via e-mail (PDF-file) to: alumni@fu-berlin.de
8. Application deadline	Email arriving at the Freie Universität Alumni Office by March 31, 2018 (11:59 pm).
9. Selection criteria	<p>Funds are awarded on a competitive basis. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conceptualization of the research stay according to the goals of the Research Alumni Program- Quality of the Research Alumni connection- Fulfillment of Research Alumni status or junior researcher status- Goals and necessity of the research stay as well as corresponding hosting agreement from potential host <p>No additional interviews will be conducted.</p>
10. Contact	<p>Franca Brand</p> <p>Freie Universität Berlin Alumni Office International Affairs Kaiserswerther Str. 16 – 18 14195 Berlin Germany</p> <p>e-mail: alumni@fu-berlin.de phone: +49 (0)30 838 73805</p>