

## Call for Proposals for DRS-Fellowship Program COFUND

The Dahlem Research School at Freie Universität Berlin has established a new research fellowship program called "COFUND" for international researchers. The program is co-funded by the Marie Curie COFUND program of the European Commission. 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

### Postdoctoral Fellowships

Starting in January 2012, each research fellowship is awarded for fifteen months to support postdocs carrying out their research projects in one of Freie Universität's Excellence Programs.

We expect you to propose your own project plan focusing on the research area of your own choice, based on the research areas of the participating Excellence Programs.

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 the end of the fellowship, the program will provide professional guidance essential to preparing grant proposals.

#### **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 proposals please go to the [DRS-fellowship-webpage](#).**

#### **Participating Excellence Programs**

## **TOPOI**

Research fields: Spatial Environment and Conceptual Design, Constructing Historical Space, Perception and Representation, Theory and Science. For further questions regarding TOPOI please contact Hauke Ziemssen, [hauke.ziemssen@fu-berlin.de](mailto:hauke.ziemssen@fu-berlin.de) or go to the [TOPOI-website](#).

## **NeuroCure**

Research fields: Glia cells in the normal and pathologic brain; Learning and neuroplasticity in the dopamine system, Exo-endocytic membrane traffic in neurons. For further questions regarding NeuroCure please contact Martin Keller, [martin.keller@charite.de](mailto:martin.keller@charite.de) or go to the [NeuroCure-website](#).

## **Languages of Emotion**

Research fields: Interaction of emotion and cognition; Interaction of affect and language, imagination and symbolic thought; Constitution of emotions on the level of cultural codes. For further details regarding the research fields of LoE learn more here, or contact Markus Edler [m.edler@fu-berlin.de](mailto:m.edler@fu-berlin.de) or see also the [LoE-website](#).

## **Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies**

Research fields: From Stimulation to Control - Using Bone Morphogenetic Protein for Controlled Regeneration under Compromised Conditions; Direct Cellular Migration to Sites of Injury. For further questions regarding the research of the BSRT please contact Sabine Bartosch, [info@bsrt.de](mailto:info@bsrt.de) or go the [BSRT-website](#).

## **Berlin Mathematical School**

Research fields: Differential and Discrete Geometry, Algebraic Geometry, Algebraic Topology, Discrete Mathematics, Visualization, Numerical Mathematics, Scientific Computing, Geometric Analysis, Differential Equations. For further details regarding BMS please contact Bettina Felsner, [bettina.felsner@fu-berlin.de](mailto:bettina.felsner@fu-berlin.de) or go to the [BMS-website](#) or the website of the [Department of Mathematics](#).

### **Graduate School for East Asian Studies**

Research fields: The interdisciplinary analysis of institutions in East Asia from a social science perspective and historical grounding; Trans-regional phenomena or interregional comparisons. For further details regarding the GSC East Asian Studies please contact [eric.ballbach@fu-berlin.de](mailto:eric.ballbach@fu-berlin.de).

### **UniCat – Unifying Concepts in Catalysis**

Research fields: Biophysics of water splitting and hydrogen production by metalloproteins and biomimetic catalysts; development of homogeneous transition metal catalysts and asymmetric catalysis, multifunctional dendritic architectures, analysis of complex heterogeneous catalyst surfaces. For further details regarding UniCat please contact Claudia Nasrallah, [info@unicat.tu-berlin.de](mailto:info@unicat.tu-berlin.de) or go to the [UniCat-website](#).

### **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.
- Demonstrated by the research idea in the application the intended research proposal has to fit with regard to the research areas represented by each of the Excellence Programs.

### **Duration**

15 Months, starting January 2012

### **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.
- Monthly mobility allowance
- Travel allowance (once)

- Research allowance of 1200 Euro per month for lab-based projects or 300 Euro per month for non-lab-based projects

### Application procedure

1. Please fill out 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-COFUND-2012**

### 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.
- (2) Project proposal (max. 5-10 DIN A4-pages), including a 1-page work-/time schedule. The template for the schedule is provided for you here. Please note that the project proposal should be a complete outline of your proposed work which will be read in addition to the project summary requested in the electronic application form.
- (3) Letter of Motivation (max. 1 DIN A4-page)
- (4) Abstract of your PhD-thesis (max. 1 DIN A4-page)
- (5) Proof of scientific excellence (a list of outstanding and relevant publications)
- (6) A list of granted projects/third-party-projects and important research co-operations (please include the department or company, its function, contact information, topic of research/project title and type of cooperation)
- (7) 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 10MB will not be considered. All application documents must be submitted in English.**

### **Selection procedure**

Once your application is complete, you will receive online acknowledgement together with an individual code number for your application. In addition, 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.

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