

IFK Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften Senior and Research Fellowships for the academic year 2020/2021

Fellowship Information

Senior Fellowships are designed to support excellent scholars, who are well advanced in their academic careers. Qualified scholars are eligible without regard to nationality, institutional, or departmental affiliation; although preference is given to applicants of international repute who have published significant papers in recognized refereed journals and books that establish the author as a leading expert in his/her academic field.

Duration and funding: Senior Fellowships will be granted for one academic semester (1 October 2020–31 January 2021 or 1 March–30 June 2021). Fellowships entail a maximum monthly stipend of € 2.325 (€ 75 per day), office space at the IFK equipped with electronic facilities including internet access as well as one-time travel costs to and from Vienna and free accommodation in a studio apartment (40 m²) or, if preferred, a rent allowance. The IFK will not contribute to retirement or health benefits.

Research Fellowships are designed to support post-doctoral scholars early in their careers. Applicants must have a Doctorate or a Ph.D. at the time of application. Qualified scholars are eligible without regard to nationality, institutional, or departmental affiliation; although preference is given to qualified Austrian applicants.

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General Criteria of Evaluation

A thematic link to the IFK's current research focus (**see website:** <http://www.ifk.ac.at/index.php/research-focus.html>) is desired but not a prerequisite for application. The IFK will also accept "independent" projects within the realm of humanities and social sciences unrelated to the present research focus.

Applications may be submitted either in German or English.

Applications will be peer-reviewed by the IFK's International Academic Advisory Board. A final decision will be taken in regard to the requirements of the yearly scholarly program.

The Board looks for **four essential features** in fellowship proposals:

- a well-defined and innovative research question
- a clear definition of the uniqueness of the work and/or the significance of the research to important theoretical and methodological issues in interdisciplinary culture studies and humanities
- a discussion of the work in the context of appropriate research done by international scholars
- clear methodological provisions that guarantee an interdisciplinary research focus

The IFK discourages proposals that are either exclusively theoretical or exclusively empirical in character. It supports projects that combine empirical investigation with thoughtful theoretical work. Research proposals that present a clearly formulated problem, demonstrate familiarity with the scholarly field(s), and develop an interdisciplinary methodological framework stand the best chance of approval by the International Academic Advisory Board.

Application Deadline and Decision Notification

Application deadline: 1 July 2019

Decision notification: 2 December 2019

Documentation required for the application:

Please fill in the form below and complete your application with the following materials. Please submit the whole documentation as one PDF file via e-mail!
For technical reasons we cannot guarantee the acceptance of applications that are not handed in as one PDF file.

1) The filled-in application form (see below, two pages)

2) The research proposal (excluding bibliography), max. 1,200 words (!)

Tips for preparing your research proposal:

Our reviewers appreciate legible, concise, well-organized material; we do not ask them to read applications that are not clearly typed or that exceed the prescribed length. The IFK reserves the right to return unread applications that are incomplete or those that do not follow these guidelines.

Guideline questions – try to answer the following questions while writing your proposal description:

a) Describe your research question/hypothesis or research objective as precisely as possible. That is, what is the focus of your investigation?

The formulation of a developed research question, hypothesis or research objective is an important characteristic of a successful proposal and should therefore be concisely done. Instead of presenting a vast research topic, applicants should develop answerable questions in the context of a larger research topic.

b) How does your research build upon and go beyond existing scholarship in your scholarly field?

The applicant should clearly demonstrate an excellent knowledge of the literature relevant to the topic of research and should indicate how the proposed research might advance previous work in the field.

c) How – if at all – does your research proposal relate to the present IFK_research focus?

Answering this question is compulsory for those applicants who do not submit “free projects” but research proposals within the research focus of the IFK.

d) Which work program (methodology) is to be applied and which evidence will be assembled in order to answer your research question?

Applicants are strongly advised to explicitly demonstrate that the methodological procedures proposed and the evidence collected will realistically support the research objectives expressed in question a).

e) The goal of the IFK is to support original and innovative research in interdisciplinary culture studies and humanities. Please describe the interdisciplinary dimension of your research project.

Applicants should emphasize the contribution of the proposed research not only to the specific area of research being addressed but also to the broader spectrum of interdisciplinary culture studies and humanities. Therefore it is important to precisely formulate the interdisciplinary dimension of the research project.

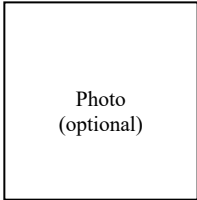
3) Core bibliography relevant to your research project (1 page maximum!!)

4) Academic curriculum vitae/list of publications (5 pages maximum)

Please submit the whole documentation as **one PDF file via e-mail to fellows@ifk.ac.at until 1 July 2019**. For technical reasons we cannot guarantee the acceptance of applications that are not handed in as one PDF file.

IFK_Fellowship Application Form (Application may be submitted either in English or in German)

For Senior Fellowship
 Research Fellowship

Name:	Dr./Ph.D.	PD	Prof.	
First:				
Last:				
Sex:	female	male	other	
Date of birth:				
Citizenship(s):				
Departmental affiliation:				
Institution:				

Language skills:
Academic disciplines:

Title of project (15 words or less):

Abstract of research proposal (200 words or 750 characters, not smaller than 10-point type):

Planned stay at the IFK (please check both if either of them would work for you):

winter term 2020/2021 (1 October 2020–31 January 2021)

summer term 2021 (1 March–30 June 2021)

Name: Dr./Ph.D. PD Professor

First:

Last:

Mailing address:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Departmental affiliation:

Institution:

Address:

Which of the following best describes your current academic position?

Full Professor

Associate Professor

Assistant Professor

Independent Scholar

Other (Please explain):

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the application is complete and the information contained herein is true and accurate.

My application includes

- this application form (2 pages)
- my research proposal (excluding bibliography) of not more than 1200 words
- a core bibliography relevant to my research project (max. 1 page)
- my academic curriculum vitae with a list of my publications (max. 5 pages)

I agree to the archiving of my application and personal data by the IFK | University for Art and Design Linz for documentary purposes for 10 years after the application process has ended (until 31 December 2029). I can withdraw my consent to this at any time.

I would like **to receive/to continue receiving the electronic newsletter** of the IFK and therefore agree to the archiving and processing of my personal data (name and contact details) by the IFK | University for Art and Design in Vienna for this purpose. I can unsubscribe to the newsletter at any time and/or ask for the deleting of my contact details from the IFK address database at any time.

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Date

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Applicant's Signature

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