

Call for Applications

Freie Universität Berlin offers DRS Postdoc Fellowships for 2014

Dahlem Research School at Freie Universität Berlin has established a research fellowship program – co-financed by the German Excellence Initiative and the Marie Curie Program of the European Commission – to provide funding for outstanding postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines to conduct their own research project at Freie Universität Berlin. The aim is to support highly-qualified postdocs with international research experience and to integrate them into the university's research networks in an early phase of their career.

The program is designed to promote the further academic career development through research funding, a tailored qualification program and the opportunity to develop teaching and leadership skills. The program furthermore provides essential professional guidance on preparing grant proposals to support DRS fellows in obtaining funding for follow-up research projects at Freie Universität Berlin.

The **Focus Area Dahlem Centre of Plant Sciences (DCPS)** is offering a fellowship in the following research field

Regulation of plant growth and development

(associated with Applied Genetics, Research Group of Prof. Dr. Thomas Schmülling)

Starting in spring 2014, the research fellowship will be awarded for 18 months (extendable for further six months). **Applicants have to submit a project plan based around the research field mentioned above.**

The call is open to experienced researchers of all disciplines and all nationalities who

- hold a doctoral degree (the dissertation must be submitted and proof of this must be available by the application deadline)
- completed their doctoral degree no longer than 6 years before the deadline (starting with the date on the doctoral certificate)
- have not lived in Germany for longer than 12 months during the last 36 months before the deadline.

Returnees from phases of international, inter-sectoral and/or non-academic mobility (such as researching outside Germany, working for industry or after a career break e.g. due to family reasons) are specifically encouraged to apply.

Deadline for applications: 15 September 2013

Application

To apply, candidates need to register with the DRS online application platform (on the [DRS webpage](#)). Once registered, they should fill out the online application form and upload all required documents. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

The positions are subject to approval of resources from the European Commission.

For further application details please visit the [DRS webpage](#).

Funding

- 18 months, starting March 2014 (six months prolongation possible)
- Employment contract at level TV-L FU E13 (which refers to the collective agreement for the public area of Berlin and translates into an annual net salary of approx. 24.400 to 31.800 Euro, depending on previous work experience and marital status)
- Social security and health insurance included
- An annual research allowance (5.400 Euro for non lab-based/ 21.600 Euro for lab-based projects)
- A monthly mobility allowance of 200 Euro and a one-time travel allowance

Selection

Fellows are selected in a five-step procedure:

- Administrative eligibility check
- Internal review
- Structured interviews
- International peer review
- Approval by an international Supervisory Board for COFUND Fellows or the university's Executive Board for POINT/REGAIN Fellows

Each phase must be passed successfully to proceed to the next. Candidates will receive an identification code which will allow anonymized results of each selection phase to be published on a secure website with limited access. After completion of phase 1, applicants will receive login details for the secure site and will from then on be notified by e-mail each time new results are announced. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed by email.

Contacts

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