

## **Call for applications: Network Research Visits**

The Zukunftskolleg of the University of Konstanz provides funding for up to

### **3 x Network Research Visits for international early career researchers**

lasting up to three months and based at the Zukunftskolleg in the year 2021.

#### **Aim**

Research Visits at the Zukunftskolleg support temporary research stays up to three months by international early career researchers from partner research institutions or from within the network of University-based Institutes for Advanced Study (UBIAS) or the Network of European Institutes for Advanced Study (NetIAS). The aim of the Research Visits is to provide an opportunity to engage in a research project at the University of Konstanz, ideally in collaboration with a Zukunftskolleg fellow. No limitation is placed on the area of research within the humanities, natural and social sciences. Interdepartmental and interdisciplinary research is encouraged.

Visiting researchers receive a working space in the Zukunftskolleg with all the usual research facilities and are expected to participate in all Zukunftskolleg's activities. Experimental projects in the natural sciences can only be supported if arrangements for lab space are made with the respective departments, since the Zukunftskolleg does not have any laboratory space of its own.

Funding will include round trip travel to Konstanz (economy fare) and up to €800/month for accommodation in Konstanz. The Zukunftskolleg will not offer employment contracts for Research Visits.

#### **Benefits for visiting researchers**

- Standard expenses for one economy-class trip to Konstanz and back,
- Up to €800/month for accommodation in Konstanz,
- Access to events organised by the Zukunftskolleg;
- The opportunity to present your research work to an interdisciplinary community at the Zukunftskolleg's weekly Jour fixe;
- Interaction with a lively international community of peers and support with contacting other researchers in your area of research;
- Access to library resources and IT services;
- Work space at the Zukunftskolleg (dependent on availability).

#### **Obligations for visiting researchers**

- Reside in Konstanz or nearby throughout the Research Visit (the [Welcome Centre](#) of the University of Konstanz will gladly provide support with all organisational aspects of relocating to Konstanz);
- Contribute actively to interdisciplinary dialogue at the Zukunftskolleg, e.g. during the weekly Jour fixe meetings;
- Engage with fellows and researchers in relevant departments at the University of Konstanz;
- Present your work in seminars or public lectures;
- Acknowledge Zukunftskolleg support in any publications resulting from the stay;
- A short report on your activities and achievements (within 6 months of completing your Research Visit).

## Eligibility

- Applicants for Research Visits are or have been affiliated with [one of the Zukunftskolleg's international partners](#) or come from an Institute for Advanced Study within the [UBIAS network](#) or [NetIAS network](#).
- They hold a doctorate or equivalent professional qualification. Consideration will be given to the academic record and the publications of all applicants as well as their capacity to disseminate their views among an interdisciplinary community.
- Applicants may not hold a permanent professorship, nor have a habilitation or equivalent qualification (*Venia legendi*).
- Candidates should provide evidence of any contact they have had with researchers at the Zukunftskolleg or at the University of Konstanz, and of the proposed collaboration during and beyond their stay at the Zukunftskolleg. Applicants who have initiated such contact before requesting funding will have a competitive advantage. Preference may be given to applicants who plan to collaborate with current fellows of the Zukunftskolleg.

## Application

Please submit your application documents in English as a single PDF file to [zukunftskolleg@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:zukunftskolleg@uni-konstanz.de). Applications should include the following materials:

- A **letter of motivation** including a brief description of the project's collaborative objectives. The description should be written for an interdisciplinary decision-making committee (max. 2 pages);
- A **research project description** (maximum 5 pages including references);
- **CV** and a copy of your **doctoral certificate**;
- A short **letter of support** from a fellow at the Zukunftskolleg or a researcher employed at the University of Konstanz;
- A **letter of reference** commenting on the applicant's qualifications. The reference letter can be sent separately directly to [zukunftskolleg@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:zukunftskolleg@uni-konstanz.de);
- **Timeline** for the proposed activities in 2021. As a central aim of the research visit is to create networks with fellows and other researchers at the university, the majority of your research stay should fall within the semester (see the university's [calendar](#) for details);
- **Expenditure** plan (travel costs and potential accommodation).

**Deadline: 31 January 2021, 15:00 CET**

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