To all RWTH professors

20 September 2017

8th Call for proposals: *Theodore von Kármán Fellowship* – visiting scholars programme for incoming international scientists

Deadline: 7 November 2017

The Exploratory Research Space (ERS) invites applications for its *Theodore von Kármán Fellowship* to support research stays of internationally recognized scientists in 2018. The purpose of this funding programme is to foster international exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue at the university.

General conditions
Research stays can last from roughly one week to several months. During their stay guests can be involved in existing projects or generate and presume new research ideas in co-operation with RWTH professors. Research projects have to cross the boundaries of RWTH faculties.

ERS funding can cover travel expenses, accommodation costs (e.g. at the RWTH guest house), workshops and other events. The visiting fellow’s research stay must be completed and all expenses be paid by 31 December 2018.

Only RWTH researchers are eligible to apply for the fellowship. Proposals that are not submitted by RWTH applicants will not be considered.

Eligibility criteria
- **Interdisciplinarity**: at least two RWTH professors from different faculties jointly invite and mentor the guest during his or her stay.
- **Scientific reputation** of the visiting scholar.
- **Subsidiarity**: no other sources of external or internal funding exist.

During his or her visit the fellow is supposed to:
1. Give a talk, to which the whole RWTH community will be invited. In this talk, the fellow should also present his or her home university.
2. Hold a lecture and be available for interested students.

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The proposals (in pdf format) can be written in English or German and should contain:

1. Names of the inviting and responsible RWTH professors and their respective institutes
2. A short letter outlining the motivation of the guest’s invitation
3. A CV of the visiting scientist including the five most important publications
4. Research themes and activities planned for the stay in Aachen (including talk and lecture of visiting scholar)
5. A budget plan (please note that VAT is due for all payments made to accounts outside Germany)

Deadline

Please submit your application by 7 November 2017 through our online submission platform at http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de. All applications will be assessed by the enlarged ERS steering committee.

RWTH Aachen University aims at leading the way in new research fields of high scientific and societal relevance. Very often, such fields can only be explored through interdisciplinary research and international co-operation. ERS has been supporting numerous projects which have already begun to generate new research fields.

Please note:
Researchers from Tsinghua University Beijing should apply for the Aachen-Tsinghua Senior Research Fellowship. You can find more information and application deadlines at www.rwth-aachen.de/nwth-tsinghua.

With best regards,
ERS International Board

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