4th Call for proposals: Theodore von Kármán Fellowship – visiting scholars programme for outgoing scientists

Deadline: 7 November 2017

To foster international exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue, the Exploratory Research Space (ERS) offers grants to RWTH scientists who want to spend some time abroad as a visiting scholar. The Theodore von Kármán Fellowship allows scientists to conduct a research project of their own choice in cooperation with a host institute. This call seeks proposals that contribute to advancing the internationalization and research strategy of the university.

General conditions
Funding is provided for research projects starting in 2018. Research stays have to last at least one month. The host university should preferably be in one of RWTH Aachen University’s target countries: USA, Canada, Japan, China, Russia, South Korea and Brazil.

ERS funding can cover travel expenses and accommodation costs.

The visiting scholar’s research stay must be completed and all expenses be paid by 31 December 2018.

Eligibility criteria
This call for proposals is directed at established researchers who should at least be in a postdoctoral position. The proposals require endorsement by the senior professor, head of department or chair of services, as appropriated.

- Applicants should speak English fluently (or the language spoken at the host university) and show intercultural competence.
- During his or her visit abroad the scientist is supposed to give a talk at the host university in which RWTH Aachen University is presented.
- The duration of the stay should be at least one month.
- Funding cannot be used for conferences.
The proposals (in pdf format) can be written in English or German and should contain:

1. Name of applicant and responsible RWTH professor and their respective institute and potential host institution
2. A short letter outlining the project
3. A CV including the five most important publications
4. Research themes and activities planned for the stay abroad
5. A letter of support of the host institution
6. A budget plan

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Applications need to be submitted 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 cooperation. ERS has been supporting numerous projects which have already begun to generate new research fields.

With best regards,
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