10th Call for proposals: Theodore von Kármán Fellowship – visiting scholars program for incoming international scientists

Deadline: March 31, 2020

The Exploratory Research Space (ERS) and the International Office invite applications for their Theodore von Kármán Fellowship to support research stays of internationally recognized scientists in 2020. The purpose of this funding program is to foster international exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue at RWTH Aachen 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 guesthouse), workshops and other events. The visiting fellow’s research stay can start in June 2020 and must be completed and all expenses be paid by April 30, 2021.

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

1. Names of the inviting and responsible RWTH professors and their respective institutes
2. A short letter outlining the motivation to invite the international scientist
3. A CV of the visiting scientist including the **five most important** publications
4. Research topics and planned activities 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 March 31, 2020 through our online submission platform at [http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de](http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de). All applications will be assessed by the enlarged ERS steering committee.

**Please note:**
RWTH Aachen University has Strategic Partnerships offering additional funding opportunities for exchanges with **Tsinghua University, Beijing** (RWTH – Tsinghua Research Fellowships), **University of Alberta, Edmonton** (Junior Research Fellowship and Senior Research Fellowship) and **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras** (various funding/exchange opportunities).
Please check out the corresponding websites for funding programs and application deadlines or contact René Seyfarth ([rene.seyfarth@zhv.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:rene.seyfarth@zhv.rwth-aachen.de)) and Dr. Stefan Diederich ([stefan.diederich@zhv.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:stefan.diederich@zhv.rwth-aachen.de)).

With best regards,
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