6th Call for proposals: Theodore von Kármán Fellowship – visiting scholars program for outgoing scientists

Deadline: March 31, 2020

To foster international exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue, the Exploratory Research Space (ERS) and the International Office offer 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 2020. Research stays have to last at least one month. The host university should preferably be of strategic interest to RWTH Aachen University.

ERS funding can cover travel expenses and accommodation costs.

The visiting scholar’s research stay can start in June 2020 and must be completed and all expenses be paid by April 30, 2021.

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. Endorsement by the senior professor (for PhDs)
3. A short letter outlining the project
4. A CV including the five most important publications
5. Research themes and activities planned for the stay abroad
6. A letter of support from the host institution
7. A budget plan

Deadline
Applications need to be submitted 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) and Dr. Stefan Diederich (stefan.diederich@zhv.rwth-aachen.de).

With best regards,
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