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13th Call for proposals: *Theodore von Kármán Fellowship* –
visiting scholars program for **incoming international** scientists

Deadline: November 3, 2022

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 2023. 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 develop new research ideas in cooperation with RWTH professors. Research projects should be interdisciplinary and involve more than one faculty.

Funding

ERS funding can be used to cover travel expenses, accommodation costs (e.g. at the RWTH guesthouse), workshops and other events. The visiting fellow's research stay may start in January 2023 and must be completed and all expenses be paid by December 31, 2023.

The budget for the Kármán Fellowships is provided by the Excellence Strategy of the Federal Government and the Länder and makes allowances to the allocation model aiming for 30 % share of females. The total budget for all new Kármán Fellowships (incoming and outgoing) is at most 60.000 €.

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)

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Please submit your application by November 3, 2022 through our online submission platform at <http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de>, call "Theodore von Kármán Fellowship - incomings 2023".

All applications will be assessed by the enlarged ERS steering committee.

With best regards,
ERS International Board

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