



Programme details

Theodore von Kármán Fellowship

– visiting scholars programme for **outgoing** scientists

The background

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.

The Fellowship

Calls are published annually in autumn, with funding provided for research projects starting in January of the following year. 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, India 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 of the funding year.

Eligibility

Open to 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.

How to apply

Application requirements

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. Endorsement by the senior professor, head of department or chair of services as appropriated
7. A budget plan

Submission and evaluation

Applications must be submitted through our online submission platform at <http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de>. All applications are assessed by the enlarged ERS International Board.

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