14th Call for proposals: Theodore von Kármán Fellowship – visiting scholars program for incoming international scientists

Deadline: December 12, 2023

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 2024. 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 at least one week up to six 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. The participation of the individual institutes should be evident from the application.

Funding
ERS funding can be used to cover travel expenses, accommodation costs (e.g. at the RWTH guesthouse or comparable price category), workshops and other events.

If you are planning a joint publication, please indicate the expected costs in the proposal. Up to a maximum of one year after completion of the project, you can then receive 50% of the publication costs upon proof of publication.

Daily allowances are not covered if salary continues to be paid at the home university.

The visiting fellow’s research stay may start in March 2024 and must be completed and all expenses be paid by December 31, 2024.

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 proposal (in pdf format) may be up to 6 pages long and can be written in English or German. It 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 short 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)
6. The planned time period for the stay

**Deadline**
Please submit your application by December 12, 2023 through our online submission platform at [http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de](http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de), call "Theodore von Kármán Fellowship - incomings 2024".
All applications will be assessed by the enlarged ERS steering committee.

With best regards,
ERS International Board

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