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

Deadline: December 12, 2023

To foster international exchange and interdisciplinary dialogue, the Exploratory Research Space (ERS) and the International Office offer grant to RWTH scientists who intend to do research 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 March 2024. The minimum duration must be at least one month. The maximum duration can be up to six months. The host university should preferably be of strategic interest to RWTH Aachen University.

Funding
ERS funding may be used to cover travel expenses and accommodation costs. 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.

The visiting scholar’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 €.

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 at least one talk at the host university in which RWTH Aachen University is presented.
• The duration of the stay must be at least one month.
• Funding cannot be used for conferences.

The proposal (in pdf format) may be up to 6 pages long and can be written in English or German. It must contain:

1. Name of applicant and responsible RWTH professor and their respective institute and contact of host institution
2. Endorsement by the senior professor (for PhDs)
3. A short description of the project
4. A short 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 and information about the period of the stay

Deadline
Applications need to be submitted by December 12, 2023 through our online submission platform at http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de, call "Theodore von Kármán Fellowship - outgoings 2024". All applications will be assessed by the enlarged ERS steering committee.

With best regards,
ERS International Board

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