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Freie Universität Berlin and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Joint Berlin-Jerusalem Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program Eighth Call for Proposals, 2021-23

Two (2) Joint Post-Doctoral Fellowships are offered for highly qualified, early career postdoctoral researchers. Each fellowship is awarded for 24 months, starting on October 1, 2021, and consists of two phases:

- Phase 1: 12 months of research at Freie Universität Berlin
- Phase 2: 12 months of research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (or vice versa; fellows are entitled to design their research projects in either way)

The Postdoctoral Fellows will conduct their research projects under the joint supervision of experienced researchers from Freie Universität and the Hebrew University.

The Fellowship applicant must identify two tenured faculty members who will serve as hosts, one at each university, then contact the prospective hosts directly and include an endorsement letter from each of these two potential principal hosts in the application.

Academic Fields

The call is open to all disciplines and subject areas that exist at both universities or are complementary.

Funding

A monthly stipend of 2,000 Euro and a one-time relocation allowance (2,000 Euro).

Eligibility Criteria

The Fellowship is open to highly qualified researchers of all nationalities who received their Ph.D. no more than three years prior to the deadline of this call. Candidates who acquired their Ph.D. prior to that date may also apply if there was an eligible lapse in their research activity (e.g. family responsibilities). The program is open both to candidates with (former) affiliation to FUB or HUJI as well as to external applicants. Applicants holding a tenure or tenure-track faculty position are not eligible.

Applications must include:

- Research proposal and time plan (max. 10 pages in total including all references/figures/tables). The proposal should include a research plan that indicates where the Fellow will commence the postdoctoral research and how the project will profit from the research environments of both institutions. The research proposed must therefore be significantly distinct from or add significantly to the related doctoral thesis and clearly demonstrate the expected results of a joint Postdoc.
- Concise Curriculum Vitae with a list of principal publications (max. 4 pages in total).
- Two recommendation letters (including one from the applicant's doctoral supervisor); letters are to be uploaded in the application portal by the referees
- Two explicit endorsement letters by the potential host supervisors at Freie Universität Berlin and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, including detailed reference to the added value for the research project, the benefits stemming from their joint supervision, and a clear statement of commitment regarding the physical and intellectual research environment that the supervisors will provide to the fellow.

Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Submission

Candidates are asked to register and submit their applications exclusively via the application form at FUB's Dahlem Research School. Applications or endorsement letters being mailed directly to both universities will not be considered.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2021

Selection Criteria

The criteria for the selection of the fellows are based on the academic excellence of the applicant, the quality of the proposed research project, the compelling demonstration of the anticipated synergy of a joint Postdoc, and the commitment of the respective supervisors at both universities

More Information

For questions regarding the program and application procedure, please contact the staff in charge at both universities:

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