

Call for Applications for the DRS Postdoc Fellowship REGAIN-2013

The Dahlem Research School (DRS) is the Center for Junior Researchers at Freie Universität Berlin – a place of intellectual excitement and world-class research that offers an extraordinary array of disciplines. Starting in 2011, Dahlem Research School has launched a fellowship program for postdoctoral researchers with the aim to integrate them into the university's research networks at an early phase of their career. Consistent with the university's institutional strategy, its purpose is to reinforce the international dimension of Freie Universität's research by supporting highly-qualified postdocs with international experience and who are scientifically outstanding in their research field.

The REGAIN program provides funding for promising postdoctoral fellows with international research experience and at least one German degree to conduct a research project at Freie Universität. It is designed to provide research opportunities that clearly advance the researcher's own career through:

- integration into excellent research groups as well as facilitation of new co-operations in a stimulating research environment
- development of teaching and leadership skills
- professional guidance on obtaining research funding

At the end of the funding period, REGAIN fellows are expected to apply for further funding for a subsequent research project at Freie Universität Berlin.

For this purpose, Dahlem Research School offers

3 Postdoctoral Fellowships

Starting in spring 2013, each research fellowship is awarded for 18 months to support postdocs carrying out a defined research project in one of Freie Universität's research Focus Areas - Center for Area Studies, Dahlem Humanities Center, Dahlem Centre for Plant Sciences, and NanoScale.

Deadline for applications: October 7, 2012

Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. For further information regarding this call for applications please go to the [DRS-fellowship webpage](#).

Research Areas

Center for Area Studies (CAS): Politics of Public Religions / Business, Culture and Society
For further questions regarding CAS and their research topics please contact Inna Melnykovska, geschaeftsstelle@cas.fu-berlin.de or refer to the [CAS homepage](#).

Dahlem Centre for Plant Sciences (DCPS): Ecology and Biodiversity of Plant-Soil Interactions /
Plant Conservation Genetics
For further questions regarding DCPS and its research topics please contact Dr. Diana Mutz, diana.mutz@fu-berlin.de or go to the [DCPS webpage](#).

Dahlem Humanities Center (DHC): Theories and Practices of Interpretation / Performing Cultural Studies
For further questions regarding DHC and their research topics please contact Katja Heinrich, katja.heinrich@fu-berlin.de or go to the [DHC webpage](#).

NanoScale: Supramolecular Interactions / Nanoscale Systems
For further questions regarding NanoScale and its research topics please contact Achim Wiedekind, achim.wiedekind@fu-berlin.de or go to the [NanoScale webpage](#).

Eligibility

- The call is open to experienced researchers of all nationalities with a completed doctorate (dissertation must be submitted and proof must be available by the application deadline)
- Candidates must hold at least one German degree (Abitur or BA/BSc or Master/Diploma or PhD)
- Candidates can prove research experience outside Germany of at least 24 months at the point of the application deadline
- Candidates are max. 6 years after completion of their PhD (at the time of the deadline)
- Candidates may not have lived in Germany for more than 6 months within the 24 months prior to the application deadline

Duration

18 months (starting in April/May 2013), with an optional extension of 6 months

Funding

The fellows will receive employment contracts according to the collective agreement for the public sector of Berlin, carrying social benefits such as pension and social security, but also subject to normal taxes.

- A yearly net salary of approx. 22.700 to 29.400 Euro (depending on previous work experience and marital status)
- A single payment as travel allowance of 2000 Euro (subject to tax and social security contribution)
- A monthly research allowance
- A tailor-made professional development program delivered by Dahlem Research School

Application procedure

Step 1: Please fill out the entire [online application form](#) and submit it.

Step 2: In order to complete your application you are required to send us further documents:

- (1) REGAIN-CV Template (please download)
- (2) Candidates applying for the Focus Area "Center for Area Studies" and "Dahlem Humanities Center" are requested to submit a project outline for the intended research topic (of 3 to 5 DIN A4-pages). Candidates for the "Dahlem Humanities Center" have to determine an appropriate contact or mentor at Freie Universität. Ideally, a short confirmation of the mentor should be part of the application package.
- (3) A Letter of Motivation (max. 1 DIN A4-page)
- (4) Scanned signed letters from at least 2 of the referees named in the REGAIN CV template
- (5) A scanned copy of your PhD, MA, BA certificates (or equivalent qualifications), or Abitur

Step 3: Submit your application

- (1) Convert your documents into one pdf file, name it "appl.DRS-REGAIN-2013.lastname.firstname" and send it by email to [fellowship-drs\[at\]fu-berlin.de](mailto:fellowship-drs[at]fu-berlin.de). Make sure your file does not exceed 10 MB in size.
- (2) Email Subject: "Application for DRS-REGAIN-2013: lastname firstname"
- (3) Deadline for submission: **October 7, 2012**
- (4) All application documents should be submitted in English.

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Selection process

Once your application is complete, you will receive online acknowledgement of your application upon receipt together with an individual code number for your application. And, you will receive a link and login details for a secure web page to be able to view the selection procedure at any time. The results of the selection procedure will be anonymized and only the code numbers will be published. Applicants are notified by e-mail each time new results are announced.

URL: http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/promovieren/drs/drs_fellowships/regain_program/index.html

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