



Application Guidelines

Senior and Junior Fellowships

Who may apply?

The Centre offers its Fellowships to applicants in all disciplines that can be supported at the University of Bayreuth*. Applicants for Senior and Junior Fellowships must have lived outside Germany for a minimum of 12 months in total in the 18-month period prior to submission of the application. Researchers of German nationality are eligible to apply if their regular residency is abroad with the prospect of at least five years. Potential applicants who have completed their school education and one university degree or one university degree and their doctorate in Germany are subject to the regulations applying to German citizens. Researchers currently based at German research institutions are not eligible for this Fellowship programme.

We advise researchers who have completed their PhD and may have up to four years of post-doctoral experience to apply for Junior Fellowships. We expect applicants with a minimum of eight years of post-doctoral experience or a tenured professorship or an equivalent permanent position to apply for Senior Fellowships. Researchers between four and eight years of post-doctoral experience are free to indicate if they want to apply for Junior or Senior Fellowships; please consult the Office of the Bayreuth Humboldt Centre for assistance.

We view the diversity of our awardees as an asset and are expressly committed to the goal of gender equality. Female scholars and anyone who can help make the research profile of the university more diverse are strongly encouraged to apply. In case of equal suitability, preference will be given to applicants of underrepresented groups.

In case of doubt about the eligibility of the applicant, submission of documentary evidence may be requested after the call deadline.

Are there specific research priorities?

There are no research priorities. Researchers from all disciplines represented at the University of Bayreuth may apply, for exceptions please see below. Both disciplinary and interdisciplinary projects are possible.

Who may act as local host at the University of Bayreuth?

Potential hosts of applicants for a Senior or Junior Fellowship of the Bayreuth Humboldt Centre are all active professors of the University of Bayreuth as well as any structurally independent

* Members of the Cluster of Excellence (as defined by [§ 11 \(3\) of the Cluster Rules](#)) cannot act as host if the research focus of the application is on African Studies. This is due to regulations of the German Research Foundation stipulating that the Centre cannot provide funding to enhance resources of the university's Cluster of Excellence. In case of doubt, please contact our office before applying.

scientists with a long-term perspective at the University of Bayreuth to ensure the sustainability of the international collaboration.*

How will the local host be involved?

The local hosts act as primary research collaboration partners for the Senior and Junior Fellows. In this capacity, they also provide their Fellows with appropriate office space and an up-to-date infrastructure including access to library systems and laboratories. They recommend suitable terms and coordinate the decision with their department and Dean as well as with the Bayreuth Humboldt Centre.

The local host at the University of Bayreuth receives a monthly subsidy of 500 € (humanities and social sciences), respectively 800 € (natural, life and engineering sciences) during the Fellow's stay at the University of Bayreuth.

When is the application deadline?

The deadline for 2024 is **October 18, 2024; 23:59 h CET**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Whom may I contact for information when preparing my application?

Candidates preparing an application for Fellowships are encouraged to [contact the Office of the Bayreuth Humboldt Centre](#) for further inquiries. Before doing so, we kindly ask you to have a look at our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

How do I apply?

Please submit your **complete application** via our [online form](#).

In addition to the information requested in the online form, applicants need to submit the following documents:

1. **Exposé of the planned research project:** a statement of purpose jointly signed by applicant and host(s), describing how the Fellowship would contribute to the innovation of the scientific or technological environment at the University of Bayreuth, and the specific goals to be achieved. Also state the surplus benefit of the Fellowship in case a research collaboration already exists.
The statement of purpose (max. 8 pages excluding list of literature) should also include the following elements:
 - a. research aims,
 - b. work schedule,
 - c. an identification of possible additional (interdisciplinary) collaboration partners at the University of Bayreuth as well as a short explanation as to why this collaboration would be beneficial for the University of Bayreuth, and
 - d. a budget plan.
2. **CV** in tabular form (max. 3 pages)
3. **List of publications** of the applicant (covering last 10 years only, highlighting the 5 most relevant publications for the project; max. 2 pages)

In addition to the above, the local host(s) at the University of Bayreuth need to submit their **supporting letter** via [email](#) to the Office of the Bayreuth Humboldt Centre until the given deadline as detailed in the [Application Guidelines Host](#). In the supporting letter the host(s) explicate the applicant's scientific excellence and suitability, and state their role and involvement in the collaborative research project. This is particularly relevant when hosting a Junior Fellow. Ultimately, the host should include the facilities provided by the hosting institute (max. 2 pages).

For the afore-mentioned attachments, please conform to the following formatting standards: *font* Arial, 11 pt; *line spacing* 1.5; *all margins* 2.5 cm. Page limits may not be exceeded. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The application should be submitted in English.

How are the applications evaluated?

The Bayreuth Humboldt Centre requests external expert reviews for each application. The reviewers will evaluate the applications according to the following criteria:

- Academic record and academic performance of the applicant to date,
- Future potential of the applicant,
- Quality of key publications specified in the application,
- Originality, innovation potential and clarity of the suggested research outline, and
- Feasibility of the research project in cooperation with the local host and interconnectivity with the University of Bayreuth beyond the local host.

A funding decision will be made by the Centre's [External Advisory Board](#) based on the applications and their reviews.

When will a decision be made?

An announcement of the decisions made on the applications is expected in April 2026.

Timetable

Call for applications	June 2024
Application deadline	October 18, 2024
Review procedure	October 2024 - March 2025
Awarding decision	April 2025
Notification of applicants	April 2025
Earliest starting date of Fellowship	May 2025
Latest starting date of research stay	12 months after acceptance
Latest call for billing	24 months after acceptance

Items asked in the online form for your preparation:

Programme: Please select Junior / Senior Fellowship

General Information

First name*
Middle name
Family name*
Title*
Date of birth*
Place of birth*
Country of birth*
Gender*
Nationality*
Country of permanent residence*
Stays in Germany within the last 18 months (incl. type of stay):*

Contact Information

E-Mail*
Website
Street*
Town*
State
Postal code*
Country*
Telephone Number*

Research Profile

Research Discipline (Major)*
Research Discipline(s) (Minor)*
Research Tags*
Date of completed PhD*

Current Professional Employment

List your current professional employment including the names of the employer and the institutional address. Please briefly list your duties and responsibilities.

Name of employer (Institution)
Current position
Country
Employed in this position since
Duties and responsibilities (max. 700 characters including blanks)

Most Relevant Former Professional Employments (if applicable)

Max. 3 employers

Time period
Position
Institution
Duties and responsibilities (max. 700 characters including blanks)

Additional Relevant Information

List of awards and accomplishments (if applicable)
Please list your most relevant awards and accomplishments (max. 5 awards)

Year / Award

List of relevant duties and responsibilities beyond your professional employment (if applicable)

Max. 5 entries

Year / Responsibility

Research Project

Working title (max. 200 characters including blanks)*

Abstract (max. 1000 characters including blanks)*

Main disciplinary fields of the research project

You can add up to three further disciplines by pressing the plus button.*

Projected time frame of your research stay at UBT

Fixed (start and end date) / flexible (earliest start date and latest end date)

Hosts

Main Host and Second Host (if applicable)

Title, Name*

Current position at the University of Bayreuth*

Institute*

Faculty*

Employed at UBT since*

E-Mail*

Website*

Have you collaborated with one of your prospective hosts in the past? If so, how? (max. 500 characters including blanks)

Suggestion of Referees

List the names and contact details of 4-6 academic referees. Please describe briefly in what capacity the referee knows about you and your research and indicate if there is any conflict of interest (e.g. collaborations within the last 3 years, personal relationships or similar)

Name*

Academic Title*

Institution*

E-Mail*

Website*

Relation to Referee*

Additional Question

How did you learn about this Call for Applications?

Documents for Submission

Please include all information outlined in the relevant [Application Guidelines](#).

Outline of your research proposal* (**Upload**)

Curriculum Vitae* (**Upload**)

List of publications* (**Upload**)

Please note that to finalize your application, your main host needs to forward their signed supporting letter to the Office of the Bayreuth Humboldt Centre as a pdf via [email](#) until October 18, 2024.

Declaration of Accuracy and Consent

Ich versichere die Richtigkeit der oben gemachten Angaben. Änderungen und Zusätze werde ich dem Bayreuth Humboldt Centre umgehend bekanntgeben. Die Hinweise zum Antrag sowie die [Ausführungen zur Datenerfassung](#) habe ich zur Kenntnis genommen, insbesondere, dass die Verantwortung für die Vollständigkeit dieses Antrags bei mir liegt. Ich erkläre mich damit einverstanden, dass die Bewerbungsunterlagen beim Bayreuth Humboldt Centre verbleiben.

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore I agree to inform the Bayreuth Humboldt Centre immediately of any changes and amendments. I have taken note of the information provided in and regarding this application as well as the [notice about the storage of personal data](#). I accept responsibility for the completeness of my application. I agree that this application and accompanying documents shall remain with the Bayreuth Humboldt Centre.

all fields with (*) are required