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Apply with us for the “Academic Freedom Programme” by Einstein Foundation Berlin

The Einstein Fellows Research Group (ERG) at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU) is looking for candidates to apply to the Einstein Foundation Berlin (ESB) “Academic Freedom Programme”, which aims to support scientists and researchers from regions that experience subtle or direct restrictions of research.

Requirements

If you see yourself represented by the following features, you may fit one of our two post-doctoral research groups at HU:

- Conducting excellent research in one (or both) of the following fields:
 1. Migration and Diaspora
 2. Democracy, Rule of Law and Authoritarianism
- Interested in teaming up with other Einstein Fellows and scholars at HU
- Either currently living in Berlin or willing to move to Berlin for the duration of the fellowship
- The productive stay outside your home country doesn't exceed four years
- Fulfilling all eligibility criteria of ESB (for details, please see):
<https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/>

Tasks

- Presenting and reporting about your research
- Co-organizing a public lecture series at HU
- Regularly attending ERG meetings and the colloquiums of the affiliated institutes
- Contributing to the conceptual development of the Einstein Fellows Programme at HU

To be considered for our 2021 round of applications, please send your current CV, a letter of intention (addressing current restrictions on your research), and project proposal (2-3 pages) until **22 March 2021** to einstein@hu-berlin.de. Questions concerning the application procedure can be sent to the same email address.

In addition to the constraints in your work and/or undue restrictions or threats experienced in your country of origin, academic excellence and thematic fit are core selection criteria. The duration of the scholarship per fellow is foreseen to encompass two full years after the starting date. Yet, due to a still pending decision by the state of Berlin that is providing the funds, employment until the end of December 2021 can be ensured as of now, see: <https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/>. Grant approvals will be announced in June 2021. Please note that the final decisions concerning both the selection of fellows as well as the extension of their grants will be taken by the ESB, not HU.



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About the Einstein Fellows Research Group

Since 2018, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU) has been the host of the coordinated Einstein Fellows Research Group. Currently, nine fellows are conducting their individual research projects within the program for endangered scholars of the Einstein Foundation Berlin (ESB) "Academic Freedom". The Einstein Fellows are affiliated with the Department of Social Sciences (ISW), the Integrated Research Institute Law and Society (LSI) and the Berlin Institute for Empirical Migration and Integration Research (BIM). Two research groups are formed around the topics "Migration and Diaspora" (BIM) as well as "Democracy, Rule of Law and Authoritarianism" (ISW and LSI).

This programme aims to offer opportunities and support to scholars in establishing themselves in the German academic system. Fellows are integrated into a productive working environment through regular team meetings, colloquia, and intensive interdisciplinary dialogue. A coordination team takes care of the fellows' questions in university matters, creates professional development opportunities, and offers a platform to develop long-term perspectives in German academia.

The ERG forms one pillar of the newly established Center for Comparative Research on Democracy at HU, whose main aim is to conduct and promote interdisciplinary and comparative research on democracy. It simultaneously connects to another vital pillar of the Center focusing on innovative research conducted within contemporary Turkey Studies. Funded by Stiftung Mercator, this pillar aims at fostering the exchange and dialogue among scholars working on contemporary Turkey Studies in Germany and Europe.

As faculty members (hired either as stipend holders, in the case of junior scholars, or as "Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiter", in the case of senior scholars) our fellows are involved in all institutional activities, e.g., the participation in academic self-administration and teaching at the Department of Social Sciences. Within the context of two coordinated research groups, the scholars initiate academic network meetings, public events and publish their research on academic as well as non-academic platforms.

For more information on the Einstein Fellows Research Group and the funding programme, please visit:

<https://www.blickwechsel-tuerkei.de/de/Fellows.php>

as well as

<https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/>