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Mercator Fellows
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Mercator Fellow
as a Senior or Junior Researcher

Number of new Mercator Guest Professorships awarded by discipline and year (2008 – 2011)

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- USA: 38.5%
- Germany: 26.5%
- Great Britain: 7.2%
- Israel: 7.2%
- France: 7.2%
- Australia: 6.6%
- Canada: 6.6%
- India: 5.6%
- Poland: 5.6%
- Other: 5.1%
- Russia/CIS: 4.1%
- China: 3.3%
- Brazil: 2.8%
**The Objectives**

Intensive, lasting exchange between researchers can add significant value to a research project. Bringing outside expertise into a project can increase its visibility and foster new ways of looking at research topics.

The DFG’s Mercator Fellowship facilitates long-term project-based cooperation between German and international researchers. The Mercator Fellow will spend time at a German research institution working on a collaborative project and will stay closely associated with the team members and the project once the research stay has ended.

**The Application**

A Mercator Fellowship can be applied for by a researcher in Germany or by the project coordinator in conjunction with the following programmes:

- Individual Research Grant
- Emmy Noether Program
- Priority Program
- Research Unit
- Research Training Group
- Collaborative Research Centre

In the proposal, the significance of the fellow(s) for the project/the research network should be described and the requested amount justified.

If the identity of the fellow(s) is not yet known, a strategy to attract first-rate fellows should be outlined.

**The Grant**

Fellows may receive a salary according to their qualification. Additionally, they will receive an allowance to cover travel expenses.

The length of the research stay is not specified. Depending on the project’s needs and the availability of the Mercator Fellow, either one extended stay, e.g. a semester or a year, or several shorter stays, e.g. summers, are possible.

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