

Module

Heisenberg Fellowships

A module can only be applied for within the appropriate modularised programme. To determine which modules are available to you, please consult the DFG's programme guidelines relevant to your proposal.

I. Objective

Use this module to apply for a fellowship. The fellowship is designed to enable you to dedicate yourself fully to your research activities.

II. Description

This module allows you to request a fellowship grant of €4,450 per month. Partial fellowships (at least 50 percent) may be awarded in order to give recipients the opportunity to care for their children or other relatives requiring care due to old age or ill health, while pursuing their research activities. The funding period for partial fellowships is extended accordingly.

The fellowship includes an additional monthly allowance of €103 towards direct project costs and travel expenses (e.g. books, consumables, attendance of conferences in the host country).

Researchers may also apply for a childcare allowance for day care of children up to the age of twelve. Child benefit payments received according to a Child Raising Benefit Act

(*Erziehungsgeldgesetz*) will be taken into account. If a partial fellowship is received, the childcare allowance is reduced accordingly, unless one of the children requiring care is under three years of age and the recipient of the fellowship is a single parent.

The following childcare allowances apply:

- one child: €154/month
- two children: €205/month
- three or more children: €256/month

Premiums for statutory or private health insurance will be subsidised in accordance with section 257 of Volume V of the German Social Code (*Sozialgesetzbuch*).

Researchers may apply for travel and foreign allowances in conjunction with a research stay abroad. For stays of over two years, a moving allowance may also be granted. Travel allowances may also be granted to attend conferences abroad, or if abroad, to attend conferences in Germany.

A brief description of the nature of participation in the conference, the scientific benefit to be gained, and an invitation and conference programme should be included.

A request for an allowance towards expenses for the publication of the research findings made within the context of the fellowship can be submitted together with the fellowship proposal. A maximum of €750 can be provided per year. The allowance may be used for any form of publication (not, however, for “grey literature”). Should the appropriate publication of your findings call for a book format with high production costs, you may be eligible to receive an allowance of, in general, up to €5,000 per year, provided appropriate justification is given. The funds may be used for up to two years after completion of the fellowship.

If you wish to submit a proposal for a research grant in addition to the fellowship, please note that publication costs can only be applied for and received in conjunction with the research grant.