


Module

Heisenberg Fellowship

- Valid for proposals submitted up to 31 December 2017-



As a result of a resolution of the DFG Joint Committee dated 4 July 2017, the Heisenberg Programme will be modified with effect from 1 January 2018. The existing provisions of this Heisenberg Fellowship Module apply to proposals submitted up to 31 December 2017.

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 €250 towards direct project costs and travel expenses (e.g. books, consumables, attendance of conferences in the host country, etc.). This allowance can be used to cover expenses for the publication of the research findings made within the context of the fellowship. The allowance may be used for any form of publication (not, however, for “grey literature”).

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.

Should the appropriate publication of your research findings made within the context of the fellowship call for a book format with high production costs, you may apply for additional funding of up to €5,000 per year. The request must be justified accordingly. The funds may be used for up to two years after completion of the fellowship.

If you will be applying for a research grant in addition to the fellowship, please note that additional publication costs can only be requested and approved in conjunction with the research grant.

III Grant Renewal

The following applies to renewal proposals submitted up to 31 December 2017:

The proposal may be submitted at any time up to 31 December 2017 under the existing provisions for the Heisenberg Programme. The proposal must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the relevant instructions (DFG form 54.02_2017).

www.dfg.de/formulare/54_02_2017/

The following applies to renewal proposals submitted from 1 January 2018:

A renewal must be requested as a new proposal to the Heisenberg Programme with a duration of 24 months; refer to the Proposal Preparation Instructions (DFG form 54.02 – valid for proposals from 1 January 2018).

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IV Change Option for Proposals Submitted or Approved Before 1 January 2018

Within the scope of the modification applicable as of 1 January 2018, Heisenberg fellows can switch their Heisenberg fellowship to a Heisenberg position, Heisenberg temporary substitute position for clinicians or a Heisenberg professorship under the requirements stated below (change option).

To be eligible to make use of this option, at the time the switch is made, a remaining term of at least twelve months from the total 60-month funding period must be available, taking into account any interruptions.

Information on the Heisenberg position, Heisenberg temporary substitute position and Heisenberg professorship, the potential host institutions, remuneration and other conditions is found in the Heisenberg Programme Guidelines (DFG form 50.03 – Valid for proposals submitted as of 1 January 2018).

www.dfg.de/formulare/50_03/

The proposal to switch must be submitted to the relevant DFG programme division using the online form “Changing Heisenberg Grant Types” and including written appendices.

www.dfg.de/formulare/10_50

www.dfg.de/en/dfg_profile/head_office/structure/dfg_contacts

The fellowship funding and payment of the monthly general allowance for direct project costs ends from the time of the switch.

Higher publication costs approved remain available.

Another later switch between the Heisenberg position, Heisenberg temporary substitute position and Heisenberg professorship is possible under the rules of the Heisenberg Programme Guidelines (DFG form 50.03 – Valid for proposals submitted as of 1 January 2018).

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Note that it is not possible to switch back to the Heisenberg fellowship.