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High quality supports

Before the Fellowship

- Supports: Travel fee, Initial lump sum (€430)

During the Fellowship

- Research + for understanding Germany and its culture
=Language fellowship (Goethe institute: 2~4 month),
Network meeting(Oct.), Annual meeting(July) and Study tour (Aug.)

After the Fellowship

- Additional research Visit to Germany
- Subsidies for book publishing
- Inviting academics from Germany
- • • etc.

Application for Fellowship

Two Categories for AvH-fellowship

1) Postdoctoral Researchers (doctorate less than 4 years)

Duration: 6-24 months

Value: €2,650/month

+ Family allowance (Partner:€276/month etc.)

2) Experienced Researchers (doctorate less than 12 years)

Duration: 6-18 months

(division up into three blocks lasting at least 3 months each within three years)

Value: €3,150/month

+ Family allowance (Spouse:€326/month etc.)

We don't pay tax in Germany

3) The other category !! (please find your suitable it!!)

What do you prepare for application?

Evaluation on the basis of the candidate Academic Qualification

- No interview

How to choose your academic host

- Academic Profile of the Host?
- Academic Community
- Research Facilities of your Host Institution

Contact your Academic Host

- Availability of research facilities
- Who is suitable for expert reviewers

Academic profile of the Candidate

- International Publications

***Sometimes, Academic career is also important**

Research plan

- **Clear Concept and Objective; Originality; Choice of Methods; Feasibility at the Host Institution;**

⇒ You should prepare the research plan with director of host institute

- **Meaning for the Future**

Career of the Applicant; Prospects of Success

⇒ AvH hope to find next generation leader in the field

- **Why Germany?**

- **Meaning of your research for Germany?**

**: It is necessary to receive advices from your academic Host
(Good relationship with your academic Host)**

What's important to get the foundation? (my opinion)

You must prepare: applicant form + research plan + Three Expert reviewers

1) Why Germany?

(What will be the impact of your research stay in Germany on your future carrer?)

(Future proffecional goal or career goals)

⇒ AvH hopes to find next generation leader in the field

2) Why do you research in Germany?

⇒ I recommend that the research plan is prepared

with a director of host institute

3) Three expert reviewers

⇒ At least, one expert reviewer should deeply know the vision and concept of AvH.

My case: 1st expert reviewer (Professor:Alumni of AvH fellowship)

2nd expert reviewer (Professor in Germany) is well known in our field

3rd expert reviewer (my supervisor)

After selecting our application

1) Preparation of several documents from AvH fellowship

- Acceptance form for fellowship
- application for intensive Germany language course

2) Preparation of the other documents

- Arrange accommodation with academic host
- Medical insurance/liability insurance signed up by ourselves

* Pay attention to inclusion of insurance dependent on your situation

- etc...

If you work at University in Germany, you enter national health insurance (TK etc...).

Don't bother about health insurance

See check list in guideline of AvH fellowship

Research in Germany

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- Fellowship (+travel expenses and family allowance)
- Subsidy for the host institution (500 or 800[natural science]€/mon.)
- Europe Allowance
- Network Meeting (~October, regional)
and Annual Meeting (~July, in Berlin)
- Study tour (for 2 weeks, August)

Host Research Institute

- Long discussion time between student and teacher
- Having a seminar of top scientist every week
in a broad field of physics

Contact with Academics

- Networking with other academics
- Visit Lectures or seminars and attend in Conference

Life in Germany

▪ No previous VISA application in Japan

You should prepare every certifications to apply VISA before leaving for Germany.

▪ Accommodation

Guest house, apartment

▪ Lifestyle in Germany

- Clear Division between Work and Leisure
- Importance of German language for shopping
- Many opportunities to touch classic music

Compare salary between Fellowship and PD

Postdoctoral Researchers AvH

Value: €2,650/month

+ Family allowance (Partner:€276/month etc.)

+Many supports

Experienced Researchers (doctorate less than 12 years)

Value: €3,150/month

+ Family allowance (Spouse:€326/month etc.)

+ Many supports

No tax but you should join private health insurance!!

Standard PD or Visiting Scientist in Nordrhein-Westfalen

Value: MAX: €4,607/month (doctorate less than 12 years)

- all Tax: €2,015.54/month (No wife and no child)

Including health insurance and pension

Net: € 2591.74/month