

Guidelines for the Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship Programme

1. German nationals, even if they have made other countries the centre of their life, are not entitled to apply. The fellowship programme is intended to contribute toward a further internationalisation of German science and research; German nationals are therefore not the excellence programme's target group.
2. People with multiple nationalities and those who are "German-educated"* who live abroad are entitled to apply, just as nationals of their country of residence may apply, if they can provide credible evidence that the centre of their life is in the country from which they are applying (the guideline figure being a minimum of six years' residence) and that they fulfil the conditions for applicants from the country in question (type of degree etc.).

*"German-educated" refers to people who graduated from school and university in Germany or graduated from a German university and went on to do their doctorate in Germany.

3. Foreign scientists who are already engaged in research in Germany or at a Leibniz Association institute may apply, provided they have not been in Germany for longer than six months when they apply.
4. There is no age limit. The target group is young researchers, but different circumstances in different countries require shorter or longer educational paths. In order to take this into considerations, an age limit is not issued. The regulations do, however, state that applicants must not have obtained their doctorate more than two years beforehand.
5. As English is the language of science, an adequate command of English is a prerequisite. Only in individual cases that must be clarified with the Leibniz institute in question can proof of proficiency in German be deemed sufficient. Applicants must submit either a certificate or confirmation in writing by a university professor in their home country or by their future Leibniz supervisor that their command of English is adequate. This requirement does not apply to scientists whose

native language is English.

6. Excellent applications that do not match the Leibniz institute's requirements will not be accepted. Applications that are submitted to the wrong Leibniz institute, meaning that the project does not correspond with the activities of the chosen institute, will not be passed on to another Leibniz institute, even if the applicant's qualifications are excellent. Candidates are expected to be precisely aware in advance whether their qualifications match the project requirements.
7. Leibniz Association institutes neither pay nor refund travel or relocation expenses.
8. The legal relationship between the DAAD and the fellowship holder is based on the DAAD's sponsorship grant and the fellowship holder's statement of acceptance. It comprises the rights and duties arising from the fellowship contract in accordance with DAAD guidelines.
9. At the latest upon arriving in Germany to take up the fellowship, fellows will sign a contract with their host Leibniz institute that regulates matters of presence/attendance times, liability, intellectual property, observance of the rules of good scientific practice to which the Leibniz Association is bound and the observance of other rights and duties.