

MARIE CURIE FELLOWSHIPS IN THE GERDA HENKEL FOUNDATION'S M4HUMAN PROGRAMME

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Starting in 2011, the Gerda Henkel Foundation is offering Marie Curie Fellowships in the M4HUMAN (Mobility for experienced researchers in historical humanities including Islamic studies) programme aimed at supporting outstanding scholars. This funding initiative is co-financed by the European Commission under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research. One objective of this fixed-term programme is to increase networking between researchers in the historical humanities at the international level, including researchers in religious, cultural and political sciences under the special programme "Islam, the modern nation state and transnational movements". Other goals include the promotion of trans-national academic exchange, increasing transnational mobility, facilitating further education and the positive and long-term influencing of the research environment in both origin and destination countries. Research scholarships can be requested for a larger-scale research work or in connection with a research project.

SELECTION PROCESS

Following the application phase, all fully completed applications are evaluated by the International Advisory Committee and the Academic Advisory Committee of the Gerda Henkel Foundation. The assessment criteria include the above average qualifications of the applicant and the academic quality of the project. The final decision on all applications is made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees, based on the recommendations of these two bodies.

For further information (including the required application forms, deadlines and available endowments), please refer to our homepage at:
www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/eng

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MOBILITY FOR EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS IN HISTORICAL HUMANITIES INCLUDING ISLAMIC STUDIES

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THE GERDA HENKEL FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN JUNE 1976 BY LISA MASKELL IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER GERDA HENKEL AS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT, GRANT-MAKING ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO FOSTERING RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES. THE FOUNDATION FOCUSES ON THE SUPPORT OF ACADEMIC PROJECTS AND PHD SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIMARILY THROUGH SPECIFIC, EXPERT AND FIXED-TERM RESEARCH WORK IN THE HUMANITIES UNDERTAKEN AT UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES. THE FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT IS GIVEN PRIMARILY TO WORK IN THE HISTORICAL HUMANITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF HISTORY, ART HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORIC ISLAMIC STUDIES AND OTHER HISTORICAL SUB-DISCIPLINES. THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME "ISLAM, THE MODERN NATION STATE AND TRANSNATIONAL MOVEMENTS" IS AIMED AT RESEARCHERS WHO, WITH AN EYE TO CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, ARE EXAMINING THE EMERGENCE OF POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD AT THE NATIONAL AND/OR TRANSNATIONAL LEVEL. THE FOUNDATION ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS HISTORICAL STUDIES AS WELL AS PROJECTS IN THE AREAS OF RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. THE FOUNDATION HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN DÜSSELDORF AND IS ACTIVE IN GERMANY AND ABROAD.

FUNDING

Research projects in the following fields are supported in particular:

- History
- Prehistory and Early History
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Historic Islamic Studies
- Legal History

In addition to the areas listed above, appropriate applications may be submitted in respect of projects that align to the Gerda Henkel Foundation's special programme "Islam, the modern nation state and transnational movements". Further details can be found at: www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/special_programmes

The programme provides 24-month research grants for two categories of researchers:

- Experienced researchers (holding a doctorate or with 4 to 10 years of comparable and proven research experience)
- Senior researchers (holding post-doctoral qualifications, a comparable academic ranking, or with more than 10 years of comparable and proven research experience)

The grants cover the following costs:

- Living costs in the destination country (plus a family/child allowance if applicable)
- Mobility allowance
- Travel allowance
- Research costs (covering the costs of further training, start-up and return costs, together with an allowance to defray the costs of the host institution)

PRECONDITIONS

In addition to the academic suitability of the applicant, a precondition for the application is an element of mobility (either incoming or outgoing); i.e. a stay at a host research institute selected by the applicant, situated in a country other than the country of origin and lasting for at least 70% of the 24-month period covered by the grant. The applicant must provide evidence of acceptance by the institution and by a mentor resident there. The following combinations are acceptable:

Incoming

- Origin: EU, Associated Countries, Third Countries, German researchers outside Germany
- Destination: Germany

Outgoing

- Origin: Germany, EU, Associated Countries
- Destination: EU (excluding Germany), Associated Countries, Third Countries

Not accepted

- Country of origin and destination are identical
- Country of origin is a Third Country but destination country is not Germany

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- PREHISTORY AND EARLY HISTORY
- ARCHAEOLOGY
- ART HISTORY
- HISTORIC ISLAMIC STUDIES
- LEGAL HISTORY
- HISTORICAL STUDIES, RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES UNDER THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME "ISLAM, THE MODERN NATION STATE AND TRANSNATIONAL MOVEMENTS"

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