

Leibniz ScienceCampus

Eastern Europe – Global Area (EEGA)

Call for Applications:

EEGA@future: Postdoc Grants for Preparation of Funding Applications

Deadline for submissions: 31 August 2017

Start of funding: starting from 1 March 2018

Funding period: min. 1 month to max. 6 months

The Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA:

The Leibniz ScienceCampus “Eastern Europe – Global Area” (EEGA) is committed to developing new research perspectives on Eastern Europe, engaging in knowledge exchange activities on the region with stakeholders, and promoting young researchers. It follows the idea that the multi-disciplinary and multi-faceted examination of processes of globalisation are a key for a better understanding of actual societal developments. The focus is on Eastern Europe’s diverse, tension-filled, and sometimes paradoxical globalisation projects “from within” and “from the outside”, and thus, on the self-positioning of Eastern European societies under the global condition.

The EEGA brings together interdisciplinary knowledge and expertise from researchers affiliated with both universities and research institutes in the Leipzig-Jena-Halle science region. Together with partners from the region, the EEGA explores the fields of migration and mobilities; business strategies and political economies; cultural and intellectual perspectives and identities; and political integration in a changing global arena. Overcoming prejudices and clichés, some of which are rooted in the era of the Cold War, and promoting an informed understanding of Eastern Europe in its diverse traditions and positions, developments and (internal) dynamics, are the primary mission.

Research Areas:

The EEGA focuses on five Research Areas:

- Research Area 1: Mobilities and Migration Regimes in Eastern Europe
(Coordination: Judith Miggelbrink and Helena Flam)
- Research Area 2: The Self-Positioning of Eastern Europe in a New World Order In-The-Making
(Coordination: Frank Hadler and Matthias Middell)
- Research Area 3: Business Strategies and Frameworks of Political Economies
(Coordination: Sebastian Henn, Thomas Glauben and Thorsten Posselt)
- Research Area 4: Cultural and Intellectual Perspectives and Identifications
(Coordination: Jürgen Heyde, Yvonne Kleinmann and Stefan Troebst)
- Research Area 5: Eastern Europe in Times of Europeanisation
(Coordination: Gert Pickel and Holger Lengfeld)

Details:

We invite for applications for a research/coaching period with the ScienceCampus EEGA in Leipzig, Halle or Jena. The stay may serve the preparation of an application for more extended funding by a national or international science foundation active in the field. The stay at EEGA (Leipzig, Halle, Jena) includes individual coaching by experienced senior researchers and group sessions on intellectual, administrative, organizational and time-specific aspects of writing convincing funding applications and project proposals for submission at third party funding institutions. Applications must be related to the research focus of one or more research areas. Preparatory contact with the respective research area coordinators is strongly advised. As EEGA is devoted to interdisciplinary approaches, applications which connect more than one member institution of the ScienceCampus are highly welcome.

The duration of the stay relates to the scope and type of the application envisaged. It may not exceed 6 months. Start of funding is possible between 1 March 2018 and 1 June 2018.

Commitment:

Scholarship holders are asked to conceptualize, write and finalize a funding application for submission at a national or international science foundation active in the field. Successful applicants commit themselves to publish first results of the research done at EEGA in the Campus' online journal or in form of a working paper (about 3000 words). During their stay a presentation of the project at internal colloquia of the partner institution(s) and within the forum of EEGA is foreseen. In case of a successful application approved by a science foundation, the respective research project should be pursued in cooperation with the EEGA member institutions and EEGA activities.

Support:

The Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA supports successful applicants substantially in form of coaching sessions and workshops as well as financially in form of individual scholarships (based on the current rates for research fellowships of the German Research Foundation (DFG)).

Rates are defined individually, related to origin and employment situation of the scholarship holder, as well as the duration of the stay in Leipzig, Halle or Jena. Fellowships are intended to cover the recipients' costs of living in the Leipzig-Jena-Halle science region and may not be used to supplement grants from other funding organizations or income from employment.

Applications must include:

1. Motivation letter
2. CV (incl. current status of employment, research interests and fields of expertise)
3. Work plan / task schedule for period of funding with a convincing argument for the length of the period the applicant wishes to spend at the ScienceCampus EEGA
4. Principal point of contact (researcher/institution) within EEGA
5. Project proposal (500-1500 words + bibliography)
6. Discussion of potential funding institutions for the envisaged research project (100-300 words)
7. Equipment needed for the stay in Leipzig, Halle or Jena (e.g. library access, specific software, tools, resources, assistants)

Please submit your application as 1 PDF (max. 18 pages, 6 MB) to info@leibniz-eeга.de.

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