



Information on

“Mid-term Fellowships for Experts”

under the Funding Program “Future Mobility Grants”
of the InnovationCampus “Future Mobility”
of University of Stuttgart and
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

The “Future Mobility Grants” and the supplementary exchange program of the InnovationCampus “Future Mobility” (ICM) are designed to support international collaboration of the ICM with researchers from all over the world.

The partners of the ICM, University of Stuttgart and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), award “Mid-term Fellowships for Experts” to fund longer-term stays (2-6 months) of experienced researchers worldwide at both partner institutions.

The planned research project will be carried out in cooperation with the scientific hosts of both partner institutions in Baden-Württemberg. Details on the research project must be agreed upon with the host institute prior to submitting the application. The “Mid-term Fellowships for Experts” are not designed to fund short-term study travels or trainings. For other stays, other funding tools have been launched under the “Future Mobility Grants” program, see also www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de.



Conditions for Participation in the “Mid-term Fellowships for Experts“ Program

In general, all researchers meeting the following requirements are entitled to participate in the program:

- Postdocs, experienced scientists, professors of all countries.
- At the time of nomination, the center of life and work of the nominees must have been abroad for at least five years. At the time of selection, nominees must not have entered any permanent employment relationship in Germany (this does not include previous stays as a guest in Germany funded by other grants).
- Scientists of German nationality, who have conducted research abroad for at least five years, can be nominated.
- Independent scientific profile (as reflected by a list of scientific publications in international peer-reviewed journals).
- Evident future potential (e.g. scientific potential, scientific further development, career perspectives).

Selection of applicants will be based on their scientific qualification exclusively. No quotas exist for certain disciplines or countries. The scientific qualification of applicants will be assessed with the help of the following criteria:

- Compliance with funding conditions
- Scientific career and scientific achievements so far (broad professional focus, scientific productivity, mobility)
- Scientific fit to the ICM
- Originality and innovation potential of the research project proposed (importance to the further development of the discipline, convincing choice of scientific methods, scientific further development possibilities, clear focus and feasibility within the funding duration applied for, feasibility of the project at the host institute)
- Further development potential and opening of perspectives for the ICM and the State of Baden-Württemberg through e.g.
 - establishment of strategic partnerships
 - development of regional focuses
 - leverage of synergies and initiation of new activities

- future acquisition of funds (e.g. ERC grants) or qualification for a professorship or leadership of a junior research group
- long-term added value of the project for ICM

Subject to the availability of funds, the decision on funding will be made by a grants committee of University of Stuttgart and a grants committee of KIT. The committee members are scientists of several disciplines.

Funding of “Mid-term Fellowships for Experts“

The fellowship amount will depend on the scientific qualification and, if applicable, on the personal status of the nominees. It will be calculated individually based on the rates given below. All amounts are understood to be maximum amounts.

In addition, the host institute may apply for a research allowance of up to EUR 500 per month to cover the costs associated with the execution of the research project.

To cover the expenses for the outbound and return travel, a travel allowance will be granted to the scientists, unless these costs are borne by a third party. A list of travel lump sums can be downloaded [here](#). These are in accordance with the rates of research grants paid by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Category	Budget/Month
Postdoc (up to four years after the doctorate)	EUR 2700
Experienced scientist with an own research profile, who works as assistant professor, junior research group leader, or equivalent position	EUR 3200
Research allowance	EUR 500

Parallel acceptance of another grant from public funds is not permitted.



Application and Selection Procedure for “Mid-term Fellowships for Experts”

- Submit the nomination documents in electronic form to mobilitygrants@icm-bw.de or by post to the following address:
 - Karlsruher Institut für Technologie
 - Dienstleistungseinheit Internationales
 - International Scholars & Welcome Office (ISCO)
 - Stichwort „Mobility Grants@InnovationsCampus“
 - Adenauerring 2
 - 76131 Karlsruhe
- Nominations for “Mid-term Fellowships for Experts” may be submitted anytime. Every year, four selection dates are planned. They will be announced on the website www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de.
- The nominating professors (KIT and University of Stuttgart) must submit the following documents:
 - Nomination form
 - Official Nomination Statement
 - Outline of the joint research project (three pages at the maximum), including a preliminary funding plan and schedule
 - CV of the nominee in tabular form (two pages at the maximum)
 - List of scientific key publications of the nominee in peer-reviewed international journals (ten publications at the maximum)
 - Copy of the doctoral degree certificate or equivalent
 - Recommendation letter by a cooperation partner or a scientist at the own institution of the nominee
- Researchers are not allowed to submit an application on their own.
- The nominating professors guarantee to provide the necessary infrastructure (e.g. laboratory equipment, rooms, access to library) for the execution of the research project. This implies the approval in writing by the Head of Institute.
- The nominating professors are responsible for the completeness of the application documents. Only complete applications are permitted for submission to the grants committees of the partner universities.



- After the documents have been checked, the application documents will be presented to the ICM Board of Directors that issues a recommendation for the independent grants committees. The grants committees meet four times a year.
- The research stay of two to six months' duration may be started flexibly by the researchers. (Ideally), it should be started by the end of the calendar year applied for at the latest.
- In case of a negative selection decision during the actual selection date, individual applicants may be placed on a move-up list by the selection committee. The respective persons will be informed of this and will automatically be included in the application pool for the next deadline. If an application is completely rejected, a new application can be submitted at any time if essential aspects of the application have been significantly improved.
- More information in German on the selection procedure is given on the website www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de.
- After the stay, the host institute and the guest scientist are requested to present a final report with the presentation of the guest stay and project (five pages at the maximum). This final report must be sent by email to the ICM Management and the Grants Management.
- The "Mid-term Fellowships for Experts" are paid tax-free according to Art. 3, No. 44, Income Tax Act (EStG).