

Information on

## “Visiting Professors/International 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.

With the grant "Visiting Professors/International Experts" the partners of the ICM, University of Stuttgart and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), support experienced scientists worldwide in long-term networking with the two partner institutions.

The international experts will be involved in the research topics of the two partner institutions in Baden-Württemberg with an individual scientific advisory contract. Details of the planned tasks must be agreed with the corresponding institute and the service units before the start of the advisory contract.

The “Visiting Professors/International Experts” grants are not designed to fund longer-term study trips and visits. For these stays, other funding formats are available within the framework of the "Future Mobility Grants", see also [www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de](http://www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de).

## Conditions for Participation in the “Visiting Professors/International Experts” Program

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

- Postdoctoral researchers, experienced scientists, professors from 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).
- Clear relation to the (future) main topics of the ICM.

Selection of applicants will be based on the evaluation of scientific qualifications and needs. There are no quotas for individual disciplines or countries. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific career and previous scientific performance (professional breadth, scientific productivity)
- Scientific fit to the research topic and ICM
- Originality and innovation potential of the proposed research topic
- Further development potential and opening of perspectives for the ICM and the State of Baden-Württemberg through e.g.
  - promotion of strategic partnerships
  - leveraging of synergies and initiation of new topics
  - future acquisition of funds (e.g. ERC grants)
  - long-term added value of the project for ICM and, if applicable, the Strategy Dialog for the Automotive Sector in Baden-Württemberg.

Within the limits of the available financial resources, the decision on funding will be made by the ICM Research Board.

## Funding Conditions for “Visiting Professors/International Experts”

Involvement of the "Visiting Professors/International Experts" at the respective universities will be via an advisory contract. The review and documentation for this advisory contract is carried out by University of Stuttgart or KIT itself, depending on the individual case, and includes the following points:

- explanatory statement, why the person concerned is urgently needed to the extent envisaged,
- explanatory statement, why the suggested hourly rate is appropriate,
- consideration of aspects of economic efficiency, or proof that, under the given framework conditions, funds will be used economically and efficiently.

The amount of the remuneration for consulting depends on the scientific qualification and the type of tasks. The hourly rate should be between 60 and 120 €/h, but the monthly remuneration should not exceed 3,500 €. Tax issues are to be clarified in advance. The invoices are to be issued with value-added tax.

Not eligible for funding are:

- transfer costs,
- additional travel, accommodation, and living expenses,
- visa, tuition, or other fees,
- insurances of any type,
- rental cars,
- participation in conferences.

## Application and Selection Procedure for "Visiting Professors/International Experts"

- Please submit the nomination documents in electronic form to [mobilitygrants@icm-bw.de](mailto: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 "Visiting Professors/International Experts" may be submitted anytime. Every year, four selection dates are planned. They will be announced in time on the website [www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de](http://www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de).



- The nominating professors (KIT or University of Stuttgart) must submit the following documents:
  - Nomination form
  - Official Nomination Statement
  - Outline of the research project and advisory activity (three pages at the maximum)
  - 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.
  
- Researchers are not allowed to submit an application on their own.
- The nominating professors guarantee to provide the necessary infrastructure to carry out research.
- The nominating professors are responsible for the completeness of the application documents. Only complete applications are permitted for submission to the ICM Research Board.
- After the documents have been checked, the application documents will be presented to the ICM Board of Directors that decides on funding. The ICM Research Board meets four times a year.
- The start of the advisory contract may be flexibly arranged by the grantees. (Ideally) it should be started by the end of the calendar year applied for at the latest.
- The review, documentation, and issuing of the advisory contract are carried out individually by the University of Stuttgart or by KIT itself.
- More information in German on the selection procedure is given on the website [www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de](http://www.mobilitygrants.icm-bw.de). A scientific activity report is to be submitted annually by email to the ICM Management and the Grants Management for reporting purposes.