

Call for Applications: Senior Fellowships at the Zukunftscolleg

The Zukunftscolleg invites applications for its 2021/22 cohort of Senior Fellows. The Senior Fellowship programme of the Zukunftscolleg is designed to bring together excellent scholars from all countries and disciplines and to strengthen the intergenerational scientific dialogue between postdoctoral and established researchers. This application round is offering fellowships for three to twelve months and is open to experienced researchers in the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences.

Senior candidates must demonstrate a track record of significant and original research achievements, have at least seven years of independent academic work experience and enjoy the exchange and collaboration with the younger generations. Applicants will be required to describe how their proposed work will contribute to research conducted at the Zukunftscolleg. Special attention will be paid to the envisaged collaboration with a current Fellow of the Zukunftscolleg.

Within the [Synergy for Seniors Programme](#), we open the possibility to (academic) partners to apply. This programme allows two researchers with different disciplinary backgrounds to work together with a Fellow of the Zukunftscolleg and contribute with their own topical or methodological expertise. Candidates apply individually but state clearly that they wish to work together. Each successful researcher will be awarded an individual Senior Fellowship.

Award Details

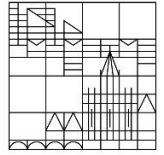
The Senior Fellowship will be awarded to **up to three** researchers for the year 2021/22. The duration of the award is no less than 3 months and not more than 12 months, depending on the work plan submitted. Upon agreement, the fellowship can be divided into two to three research stays.

The Zukunftscolleg's follows the maxim "no loss, no gain" when deciding upon the financial details of the Fellowship. Senior Fellows receive a monthly honorarium, the size of which will be decided after consultation with the fellow and in consideration of relevant circumstances. During the fellowship, successful Senior Fellows can apply for financial support (co-funding) from the Zukunftscolleg, for example for student/research assistants, consumables and workshops.

The Senior Fellows are expected to spend their fellowship in residence, to work on the proposed project, and to participate actively in the academic life at the Zukunftscolleg. Please note that field trips or archival research during the Fellowship are possible only to a limited extent.

Eligibility

The Senior Fellowship is open to established researchers with an outstanding research record and who have at least seven years of independent academic work, emeriti included. Next to the excellence in the research field, documented by publications and awards, the applicants must have extensive experience in supervision and mentorship of early career researchers. Furthermore, applicants will need to identify a local host amongst the current fellows of the Zukunftscolleg with whom they intend to team up during the fellowship.



Application Procedure

Application materials include the following:

1. Motivation letter;
2. Curriculum vitae: containing the education; academic employment history; honours and awards; supervision and mentorship of early career researchers; university, professional and society service;
3. Publication record and a list of the 5 publications considered as the most important by the applicant;
4. Project proposal describing the ideas on how the fellowship will contribute both the applicant as well as his/her younger Fellow partner in particular and the Zukunftskolleg's community in general, a schedule for the planned activities and the expected output (max. 5 pages including references);
5. Letter(s) of cooperation from the hosting Zukunftskolleg Fellow(s);
6. Two letters of recommendation.

Review and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Criteria used in the evaluation will include:

1. The quality of the project proposal and feasibility for completion.
2. The (academic) credentials of the applicant.
3. The applicant's capacity to collaborate with the Fellows of the Zukunftskolleg.
4. The plan for dissemination and communication of the project output.
5. The anticipated value of the outcome of the proposed work.

Deadlines

The application for the Senior Fellowship will close on December 15, **2020 at 11:59 PM (CET)**. The fellowships may begin as early as 1 April 2021, but no later than 1 June 2021.

All applications and required documents must be submitted in English and in single-PDF file to:
zukunftskolleg.seniors@uni-konstanz.de

Contact

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