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CALL

FUNDING FOR REFUGEE SCHOLARS AND SCIENTISTS FROM UKRAINE

Application as of now



All disciplines



Type of funding: Research stays in Germany



Project duration 6-12 months



Requirements: Application (in German or English) to be submitted jointly by the university management and the host researcher(s) in Germany.

1 OBJECTIVES

The invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army at the end of February 2022 has triggered a dramatic movement of refugees. Many Ukrainian researchers are expected to seek refuge outside their home country or have indeed already left. This funding offer is designed to enable them to continue their research work for at least a limited time in Germany.

2 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The funding opportunity is aimed at Ukrainian scholars and scientists who have already fled to Germany following the Russian invasion of their country or who are expected to arrive in Germany in the coming weeks.

It offers both doctoral students and postdocs as well as established researchers across all disciplines the opportunity to continue their research for a period of 6-12 months as members of working groups at universities or research institutes in Germany.

Funding includes a monthly stipend of 1,700 euros (for doctoral students) or 2,300 euros (for postdocs) and, if applicable, a family allowance of up to 500 euros a month, as well as a small amount for running expenses needed to conduct the research.

3 FUNDING FRAMEWORK

Eligible to apply are, under the leadership of the head of the respective institution, scientists in Germany who hold a doctorate, lead a research group at a German university or research institute, and are able to provide a temporary workplace for the visiting Ukrainian researcher(s).

The Foundation welcomes university or research institute managements to submit group applications for the inclusion of several refugees in one or more working groups. A total of up to 100 scholarships can be awarded to Ukrainian researchers at all career levels.

4 APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Under the pressing circumstances, the Foundation seeks to provide swift and unbureaucratic assistance. This can only be achieved through the trusting cooperation of all persons and organizations involved. Therefore, the following application procedure must be observed:

The application (in German or English) has to be submitted jointly by the university management and the host researcher(s) in Germany. The hosting university is responsible for checking the academic qualifications of the visiting researchers. Should funding be approved, the academic institution submitting the application also becomes the recipient of the grant. It shall subsequently be responsible for providing timely material support for the visiting researchers and assist them in setting up appropriate payment channels.

Applications must be submitted via the online application portal on the Foundation's website. There are no deadlines for their submission. The Foundation ensures that funding decisions are made on an ongoing and timely basis.

As far as necessary, the host institutions also support the funded researchers in applying for further support benefits. This includes social benefits as well as any financial support that may be available from other funding organizations. If follow-up funding, for example from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service, the German Research Foundation or through local aid measures, becomes possible, this must be claimed directly from the respective funding agency. In such cases, the Volkswagen Foundation will discontinue its financial support and redirect the funds for further ad hoc support measures.

5 CHECK LIST

The forms contained in the Foundation's online application portal must be filled out with information on the host researcher(s) and institution submitting the application (grant recipient), details of the proposed project (title, duration, application amount) and budget. The following supporting documents must also be uploaded as attachments (pdf files):

- Cover letter incl. explanation of how the contact originated
- Brief description of the topic to be dealt with (1-3 pages)
- Time and work schedule
- Explanation of budget
- Curriculum vitae and publication list of the visiting Ukrainian researcher(s)
- Statement of the German host researcher(s)
 - concerning the academic qualification of the Ukrainian researcher(s)
 - regarding the workplace and integration into the research group

6 CONTACT AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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- › [Application portal of the Volkswagen Foundation](#)
- › [FAQs about the application](#)
- › [Online application made easy – instructions and tips](#)
- › [FUNDING FOR REFUGEE SCHOLARS AND SCIENTISTS FROM UKRAINE](#)

Before submitting your application, please inform yourself about the Volkswagen Foundation's online application portal. You will find information on this in the document "Online application made easy – instructions and tips". Please also read the answers to the "Frequently Asked Questions" thoroughly, as they are part of the call for proposals.