CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Research grants for doctoral candidates, postdocs and researchers affected by the war in Ukraine

Funding for research grants is available for doctoral candidates, postdocs and researchers who are affected by the war in Ukraine. The goal of the fellowship program is to enable visiting scholars to begin or continue their academic work at Heidelberg University. The stay should serve the fulfillment of research purposes and/or scientific education and training (e.g. the continuation of or the collaboration on a research project, doctorate, etc.).

Proposals may be submitted by departments (via the respective faculty) and faculties of Heidelberg University together with the responsible contact person or the hosting researcher.

The call is addressed to the following persons:

a) Doctoral candidates, postdocs and established researchers, who were employed at a Ukrainian university before February 24, 2022 and who
   • have a Ukrainian citizenship or
   • are from third countries and cannot return to their home country for political/humanitarian reasons.

b) Doctoral candidates, postdocs and established researchers from Russia or Belarus who had to leave their country due to the war and would like to continue their academic work at Heidelberg University.

c) Visiting researchers with Ukrainian, Russian or Belarusian citizenship, who have been at Heidelberg University before February 24, 2022 and were working at an university institution in their country and who would like to continue their academic work at Heidelberg University due to the war.

Funding is available for nonrecurring guest stays at Heidelberg University for a period of 1 to 3 months in the years 2022 and 2023.

A one-time extension is possible if the respective prerequisites are met. The amount of the research grant depends on the level of the visiting researcher’s academic degree and is fixed at

a) 1.700 € per month for doctoral candidates
b) 2.300 € per month for postdocs and established researchers

A family allowance up to a maximum of 500 € per month can be granted, which is based on the rates of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (spouses 276 € and children 219 € per month).
Proposals should be limited to five pages (11 pt. font size, 1.5 line spacing) and should be structured as follows:

— General information about the institution submitting the proposal and the candidate who would like to be a visiting researcher at Heidelberg University
— Statement by the hosting researcher at Heidelberg University on the academic qualifications of the visiting researcher (research focus, appreciation of academic achievement) as well as on the workplace and, if applicable, on integration into the research team.
— Short abstract on the research topic
— Schedule and workplan

Please attach the following documents:
— Curriculum vitae of the candidate
— List of publications
— List of prizes and other references, if applicable
— Proof of citizenship
— Proof of previous employment at a Ukrainian, Russian or Belarusian university, if applicable
— Proof of accompanying children, if applicable
— Proof of residential status
— Declaration that no other grant or fellowship has been awarded to the candidate for the period applied for

The hosting institutions are obliged to provide the visiting researcher with an adequately equipped workplace. The associated costs that arise for the institute or the faculty are not covered by the funding that is disbursed for the fellowship.

The research grant will not be awarded if another funding is available or if an occupation is taken up for remuneration that conflicts with the fellowship.

Proposals for the funding period should be submitted via email (if possible as one single pdf file) to the International Relations Office (dezernat7@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de).


The proposals will be evaluated and selected by a commission chaired by the Vice-Rector for International Affairs.

For information on the University’s support for researchers affected by the war in Ukraine, please visit: https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/newsroom/ukraine-war-support-for-students-doctoral-candidates-and-researchers.

We are looking forward to receiving your proposals!

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