

## **Scholarships, Conferences Opportunities for Researchers and Experts S.C.O.R.E 18: For Postdoctoral Researchers**

### **1. GLOBAL PROFESSORSHIPS 2020**

ORGANISATION NAME: British Academy

ORGANISATION COUNTRY: United Kingdom

FUNDING TYPE: Funding

RESEARCH FIELD: Humanities, Social sciences

This programme provides mid-career to senior scholars in any discipline within the humanities and social sciences, who are currently employed outside the United Kingdom, with the opportunity to be based for four years in the UK and make a contribution to UK research and higher education.

Each appointment is intended to be a complete project in itself and is expected to involve a specific research focus, although the British Academy does not have a preferred model for the balance of time to be spent between research and teaching (which may vary over the course of the award and will depend on the UK host institution's needs).

The Global Professorships are expected to add significant value to the UK host institutions and vice versa, and thus the projects must be significant, leading to novel and innovative collaborations. With the Global Professorships, the Academy is looking to support academics that are proposing ambitious, beyond the state-of-the-art applications that break new ground. The Academy views the Global Professorships as an opportunity to apply to undertake high-risk, curiosity-driven research in the humanities and social sciences that enables the award-holders and their UK host institutions to achieve a step change in their respective research programmes.

Awards will not be made retrospectively: the work for which support is requested must not have commenced before the award is announced.

The Academy welcomes applications from a diverse range of UK host institutions. In the current competition round, the Academy wishes to particularly encourage applications from historically and/or structurally disadvantaged groups, low-income countries and from female applicants.

### **Eligibility requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be recognised scholars or researchers with exceptional promise who are on a permanent contract outside the UK (which may be part-time or full-time) or, if temporary, would normally be on a contract that will not end during the course of the grant unless expressly agreed with the Academy prior to the application being submitted that such an application would be considered eligible, in any field of the humanities or the social sciences.
- Hold a doctoral degree (or have equivalent research experience).

- Be available to take up an unpaid leave of absence, a long-term secondment or employment at an eligible UK host institution. Eligible institutions include but are not limited to the British International Research Institutes.
- Provide a formal statement of support from a senior member of their proposed host institution in the UK (normally expected to be a Pro-Vice-Chancellor or equivalent, or at minimum Head of Department/Faculty/Institute).
- Nominate one academic referee who is not based at the UK host institution or at the overseas institution at which the applicant is currently based at the time of application and is not involved in the programme of research and other activities submitted as part of the application.

Awards are only available to individuals, to be held in an institutional context. Co-applicants are not permitted.

### **Value and duration**

Awards are for a period of four years and must be taken up between 1 August 2020 and 1 February 2021.

The British Academy will provide funding of up to £187,500 per annum, and up to £750,000 over four years.

The host UK institution is expected to contribute up to £37,500 per annum (or 20% of the Academy's annual contribution) towards the costs of the Professorship, excluding indirect and estate costs.

### **Application process**

Applications must be submitted online using the British Academy's grants application system, <https://britishacademy.flexigrant.com>

**Application, reference, supporting statement and UK host institution application approval deadline:** 17.00 (UK time) on Wednesday 19 February 2020.

**Please contact** [internationalgrants@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:internationalgrants@thebritishacademy.ac.uk) **or call +44 (0)20 7969 5220 for further information.**

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/global-professorships-2020>

## **2. SINGH-CHHATWAL-POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**ORGANISATION NAME:** Helmholtz-Zentrum für Infektionsforschung GmbH

**ORGANISATION COUNTRY:** Germany

**DEADLINE DATE:** 31/10/2019

**RESEARCH FIELD:** Natural sciences

### **Outline**

The association "Friends of HZI" has launched the "Singh-Chhatwal-Postdoctoral Fellowship Program" to attract talented researchers from abroad to HZI. Fellowships of 3200 Euro per month are awarded for two years to candidates with a background in life sciences and medicine.

Applicants should have completed their doctoral thesis and have an active interest in the field of infection biology. Excellent English language skills and a high motivation are required. We invite applicants who have already shown scientific excellence to get in contact with PIs from HZI and submit a joint application to the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.

Instruction and application details about the program can be downloaded from

<https://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en/the-hzi/friends-of-the-hzi/stipends/>

The application must be submitted by the academic host. To identify research subjects and suitable hosts, please consult HZI's web page: [https://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en/research/research\\_groups/](https://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en/research/research_groups/)

The closing date for the next round of applications is 31 October 2019. The intended start date is early in 2020.

**Duration:** 24 months

<https://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en/the-hzi/friends-of-the-hzi/stipends/>

### **3. ORGANISATION NAME: University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study**

**ORGANISATION COUNTRY:** France

**FUNDING TYPE:** Funding, Mobility Outgoing

The University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study (USIAS) was created in 2012 to fund excellent, original research in all scientific domains and to serve as a place of intellectual innovation. In order to reach this objective, USIAS welcomes excellent researchers from all countries and all disciplinary backgrounds. Each year, the Institute selects around 15 fellows for a period of between three months to two years. Eligible candidates should be at least at the level of assistant professor (or equivalent), or beyond.

The [University of Strasbourg](#), tracing its history to 1538, is currently the largest university in France, with about 46,000 students and over 4,000 researchers. With as many as [19 Nobel laureates](#), of which 3 awarded in the past 8 years, the university is ranked among the best in the [League of European Research Universities](#). The University offers academic programs in all major scientific disciplines, with a particular focus on multidisciplinary approaches.

#### **Eligibility criteria**

Fellowships are available to researchers:

From outside of Strasbourg, wishing to carry out research in collaboration with researchers at the University of Strasbourg and/or to use a specific Strasbourg research facility. Eligible candidates should be at the level of at least assistant professor (tenure track) or equivalent.

From Strasbourg, wishing to work on particularly original research ideas, seeking to apply their knowledge and skills to new domains outside of their current field of work. Joint projects with an external applicant are particularly encouraged. Eligible candidates should hold a permanent post and be at least at the level of maître de conférences or chargé de recherche (or equivalent).

Eligible candidates should be at least at the level of assistant professor (or equivalent) or beyond. Applicants holding a non-permanent position, e.g. post-doctorate, are not eligible to apply.

### **Selection process**

Proposals should be written in English to enable international peer review, following the guidelines available online on the USIAS website.

**Deadline for submission: 20 September 2019 (13:00 CET).**

Publication of final results: March 2020.

Additional comments

Contact email: [info@usias.fr](mailto:info@usias.fr)

Programme website: <http://www.usias.fr/en/calls/fellowships-2020/>

Annual budget: depends on scope and the actual justifiable needs of the research proposed, with a maximum of €200,000 per project.

### **4. Prestigious Postdoctoral Fellowships in Photonics. Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND Programme "MULTIPLY". 6th Call for applications.**

**ORGANISATION NAME:** Aston University

**ORGANISATION COUNTRY:** United Kingdom

**FUNDING TYPE:** Mobility Incoming, Mobility Outgoing

The MULTIPLY Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme in Photonics, a Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND Action, is a five-year International Mobility and Training Programme under Research Executive Agency (REA) Grant agreement No.713694, which will run until September 2021. The aims of the MULTIPLY Fellowship Programme are to facilitate worldwide mobility and offer high-level interdisciplinary training for approximately 50 outstanding international Experienced Researchers towards their professional development in the area of photonics science, technology and applications.

Applicants from any part of the world will be able to participate in this Programme, freely choosing their destinations and research topics. The MULTIPLY partners will act as hosts for eligible fellows, providing excellence in postdoctoral training, mentoring career development opportunities, offering access to cutting edge facilities, fast-paced innovation activities and further industrial links.

Aston Institute of Photonic Technologies

(<http://www.aston.ac.uk/eas/research/groups/photonics/>) at Aston University

(<http://www.aston.ac.uk/>) (UK) will be managing MULTIPLY, organising six Fellowship calls and overall implement the Programme.

Call 6 is the Final Call of the MULTIPLY Programme.

Fellowships on offer in Call 6:

Eligible Fellowship durations – 1, 1.5 years only. Fellowship duration cannot extend beyond 30th September 2021.

Please check the programme website <https://multiply.astonphotonics.uk> for latest details and full list of recruiting host organisations.

For any indicated organisations placed in Third Countries - Only EU Member State/Associated Country nationals and Long-term residents can apply to these hosts. Additional conditions apply. Please see the section 'Outgoing mobility' on the website.

Call 6 dates

Call 6 for applications opens on 9th July 2019, 00:00 hrs British Summer Time.

Call 6 for applications closes on 8th October 2019 23:59 British Summer Time.

Reference date for mobility – 1st January 2020.

To access the detailed MULTIPLY "Guide for Applicants" document and apply to the programme, please visit the Programme website - <http://www.multiply.astonphotonics.uk>  
Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for award of the MULTIPLY fellowship:

1. You must be an experienced researcher, i.e. at the Reference Date the applicant MUST fulfil the criteria of being an 'Experienced Researcher' as per MSCA definition: "Experienced Researchers

Shall at the Reference Date, be in possession of a doctoral degree; and if the applicant does not have a doctoral degree, they shall have at least four years of full-time research experience."

Reference date – For Call 6 the applicable Reference Date will be 1st January 2020 (subject to the ranking list being finalised before this date). To be eligible for funding, you have to demonstrate that you comply with both eligibility and mobility criteria on the Reference Date.

Full-time research experience – The duration of your full-time equivalent research experience is measured from the date when you obtained the degree which would formally entitle you to embark on a doctorate, either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which you are hoping to be recruited, irrespective of whether or not a doctorate is or was ever envisaged.

## **5. AFRICAN GERMAN NETWORK FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE - AGNES**

Application Language: all applications must be submitted in English.

### **I. Programmes**

We are delighted to announce the call for applications for two of our funding programs:

1. The AGNES-PAWS scholarship for young women researchers. This grant is dedicated to the program of the promotion of women in science, technology, engineering and latter (designated under the symbol PAWS in English)

2. The AGNES Scholarship for young researchers (usually dedicated to men and women)

These two research grants are generously funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF in German), with the support of the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation (AvH). The two research scholarships for young researchers are aiming to strengthen their scientific capacity and networking in Africa, thanks to the active cooperation of AGNES and its members. In addition, these scholarships support the former postdoctoral fellows of the AvH

foundation in their efforts to frame young researchers with high potential, by facilitating access to international platforms of scientific excellence (AvH for example).

## **II. Eligibility and nomination**

The files of the beneficiaries of the AGNES Grant for young researchers are received only by nomination of candidates, not by direct application. In the lead of your appointment, indicate if the candidate apply for the Agnes Grant for young researchers or the AGNES-PAWS Grant for young female researchers. Agnes's members and the African humboldtiens could, each, nominate two excellent candidates who supported their thesis at the top in 2017. the brilliant candidates able to support the PhD thesis before the end of 2019 could also be nominated . Presenters should nominate only candidates who have proven excellent academic results and very good publications in International Reviews with impact factor, based on the ISI categorization of Thomson Reuters. The nominee must be a national of a sub-Saharan African country and interested in driving postdoctoral research in Germany under the cover of the scholarship program (<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/humboldt-fellowship-postdoc.html>)

NB: It is the wish of AGNES and of to obtain excellent candidates of sub-Saharan nationalities. For example, presenters are requested to share information with colleagues from other African countries in order to identify brilliant candidates to coach. AGNES encourages the nomination of candidates from all research areas, including social and Humanitarian Sciences (for the Agnes Grant for young researchers) and exclusively science, technologies, engineering, and mathematics (for the AGNES-PAWS Grant for young people Women researchers).

## **III. Amount and use of the stock exchange**

The grant is a non-renewable slice which amounts to 1000.00 euros. The recipient of the scholarship must submit a letter of acceptance signed by him and his presenter to the AGNES executive committee within seven days after receiving the offer. Next, the grant fees will be transferred to the beneficiary's bank account. The scholarship is offered in recognition of the scientific achievements of the beneficiary and its potential to obtain a postdoctoral scholarship. AGNES does not impose restrictions on the use of the scholarship although it is strongly considered that it will be used to cover the file preparation fees for the application for the postdoctoral fellowship of the AvH.

## **IV. Nomination**

The nomination file includes:

- (a) a nomination form (AGNES format) with the name of the presenter, the name of the nominee, the type of scholarship considered (AGNES or AGNES-PAWS scholarship for young researchers), the reason for nomination, name and affiliation From a probable research partner in Germany (if already established)
- B) a CV of the nominee (AGNES format) with the complete list of publications with an electronic copy of each post (only the first page where the authors, the title, the date of publication, the abstract and the information of the magazine)
- (C) Academic Newsletters and certificates of success of the tertiary institutions of the

Nominator

(D) for candidates in humanitarian sciences, a summary (5 pages) of the doctoral thesis must be submitted.

Incomplete files will be rejected. The Presenters are therefore invited to check if the nomination pack of their candidate is complete before submitting.

PS: the nomination file to be submitted by a presenter must not exceed 08 MB.

Send the nomination files by email (agnes.admin@uac.Bj and ocadebooye@daad-alumni.de) to the administration of Agnes in the Republic of Benin.

The deadline for deposit is September 12, 2019, 12 h00 min GMT.

#### **V. Selection**

A selection committee composed of members of the executive committee and external evaluators selected on the basis of their field of expertise and scientific skills will evaluate the nominations. The main classification criteria are (i) the points granted to scientific publications and (ii) the surveys for international scientific cooperation (contacts with the German academic institutions are required for the programs). The Selection Committee will be held in December and the candidates will be selected to receive a unique merit scholarship totalling 1000 euros. Selected candidates will be informed of the decision after the meeting. The nomination and selection of candidates for the AGNES Scholarship do not guarantee access to the AvH program, and do not involve any preferential treatment.

For any questions, please contact:

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