

Call for Applications

Norbert Elias Fellowships 2020/2021

The
[Center for Interdisciplinary Research](#)
[\(Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung, ZiF\)](#)
of Bielefeld University is offering

**2 Fellowships for African researchers to take part in the ZiF Research Group
Global Contestations of Women's and Gender Rights
for up to ten months in the academic year 2020/2021.**

Are you interested in interdisciplinary cooperation? Do you want to be part of a high-level international team of researchers? Then you may want to apply for a Norbert-Elias-Fellowship at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Bielefeld, Germany.

The ZiF is the Institute for Advanced Study of Bielefeld University and has been fostering outstanding interdisciplinary research groups for more than 50 years.

The ZiF Research Group *Global Contestations of Women's and Gender Rights* is convened by Professor Dr Alexandra Scheele, Professor Dr Julia Roth and Professor Dr Heidemarie Winkel from Bielefeld University and will bring together international fellows from different disciplines to work together at the ZiF from October 2020 to July 2021. The research group's working language is English. Further information can be found [here](#).

Successful applicants will become fellows of this research group and live and work at the ZiF for up to ten months. Norbert Elias Fellows also have the opportunity to work on their own projects, qualification and networking.

Who can apply?

Applications are welcome from senior researchers and postdocs from African universities from all disciplines whose research and publications are closely linked to the research group's topic. Applicants should be interested in interdisciplinary collaboration and willing to engage in the activities of the research group, such as *jours fixes*, talks, workshops and conferences. Since our aim is also to extend our interdisciplinary networks to Africa, we are looking especially for researchers who are planning to continue their careers in Africa.

What is offered?

The ZiF offers a monthly stipend of 3,000 Euro plus free accommodation at the ZiF's campus and travel expenses. The ZiF will also contribute to health insurance costs.

Fellows are very welcome to bring their families with them. The ZiF campus comprises flats from single room to family size to provide suitable accommodation. Fellows will also receive an additional allowance of 200 Euro per month per accompanying child. We will be happy to assist with finding appropriate childcare and educational facilities.

How to apply?

For the application, please send us a CV and a letter of motivation (maximum three pages) describing your research and how you intend to contribute to the research group. Please attach one or two relevant publications and indicate how long you intend to stay (two to ten months).

Selection criteria are academic excellence, relevance of the research for the research group's topic, and a strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration. The decision will be taken by the ZiF and the research group conveners. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a Skype interview.

Deadline for applications is 28 February 2020.

Please send your application in one PDF file to:

zif-elias-fellowship@uni-bielefeld.de

For further information on the fellowship, please contact:

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More information about the ZiF and the research group can be found here:

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/ZiF>

Sociologist, philosopher and poet Norbert Elias (1897-1990) developed the theory of the 'Civilization Process' and worked at the ZiF as a permanent fellow for six years. Elias, who had to emigrate to England in 1933 and was later working in the Netherlands, held his first chair at Accra University in Ghana.

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