

THE ZiF – *who has already been here?*

To name but a few, nobel prize laureates Reinhard Selten, Elinor Ostrom, Roger Myerson, and John C. Harsanyi attended ZiF Research Groups. Norbert Elias chose to be a permanent fellow for six years. About 1000 scholars—many of them from abroad—participate annually in ZiF workshops.



THE ZiF – *what else goes on?*

In order to present itself as a place of research and culture, the ZiF regularly opens its doors for the interested public.

PUBLIC LECTURES well-known scholars with international reputation give public evening lectures to a wide audience at the ZiF plenary hall

ART EVENTS complementing its research activities, the ZiF hosts six art exhibitions per year. In many cases, exhibitions are directly connected to research groups or workshops

ZiF-CONFERENCES outstanding scholars are invited to discuss contemporary political and social challenges



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THE ZiF – *what can I apply for?*

RESEARCH GROUPS for several months up to one year fellows reside at the ZiF and work together on a broader research theme

COOPERATION GROUPS smaller-size interdisciplinary cooperations doing research at the ZiF for a couple of weeks up to six months

WORKSHOPS interdisciplinary exchanges of ideas on a short-term basis ranging from colloquia on specific questions to larger-scale conferences

THE YOUNG ZiF network of young scholars, start-up funding for research projects managed by postdocs and participation for outstanding students in research projects at the ZiF

and how to apply:

Applications may be submitted by any scholar from Germany or abroad who has obtained his/her doctorate. Support by the ZiF comprises financial assistance as well as use of its infrastructure. Languages of communication and correspondence at the ZiF are German and English.

→ For details of application procedures and organization see www.uni-bielefeld.de/ZiF

THE ZiF – *what's the mission?*

The ZiF was established in 1968 as the first Institute for Advanced Study in Germany and a nucleus of the new Bielefeld University. It houses and funds interdisciplinary research projects from the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences.

Five issues are crucial to all ZiF projects:

- Interdisciplinarity
- Internationality
- Topic-orientation in the choice of projects and fellows
- Bottom-up generation of projects by open application procedures
- Excellence of the projects, ensured by external peer reviewing of all proposals



THE ZiF – *what is it like?*

The campus is situated on the edge of the Teutoburg Forest and comprises conference and meeting rooms as well as apartments of different sizes and an indoor swimming pool with sauna for the fellows and their families. The proximity to the university creates excellent working conditions and facilitates contacts to other scholars in a variety of fields.



THE ZiF – *what can we do for you?*

About 20 members of staff provide services such as the organization of 25 workshops per year, maintenance of the ZiF apartments and operation of the cafeteria as well as multimedia and IT support. Secretarial staff and research assistants support the projects. The ZiF also houses a reference library; fellows are welcome, however, to use all facilities of the university's central library, too.



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→ The ZiF entrance invites informal discussions



→ The ZiF plenary hall seats up to 200 persons



→ The ZiF swimming pool 'Wellness after Work'



→ ZiF apartments offer ideal working conditions



→ The ZiF upper foyer 'Art meets Sciences'