

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: NORBERT ELIAS FELLOWSHIPS 23/24

Deadline: 22 December 2022

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

2 Fellowships of 10 months for African researchers to take part in the ZiF Research Group “Internalizing Borders: The Social and Normative Consequences of the European Border Regime” (October 2023 - July 2024)

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

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

The fellowship is part of the ZiF Research Group working on on “Internalizing Borders: The Social and Normative Consequences of the European Border Regime”, convened by PD Dr. Frank Wolff (Osnabrück), Dr. Dana Schmalz (Jena), Prof. Dr. Sabine Hess (Göttingen) and Prof. Dr. Volker M. Heins (Essen). International fellows from different disciplines will work together at ZiF from October 2023 to July 2024. The research group’s working language is English. [Further information about the research group can be found here.](#)

Successful applicants will be living with the research group at ZiF for up to ten months. They will take part in the regular meetings, talks, workshops and conferences of the research group, present their own research, enhance the group’s discussions by their perspective and work on the research group’s topic. Norbert Elias Fellows also have the opportunity to follow their own projects, qualification and networking.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The fellowship is directed at senior and postdoctoral researchers from African universities whose research and publications are closely linked to the research group’s topic. We are looking for applicants from backgrounds in social sciences, history and law who have worked in Border and Migration Studies or related research fields. Experience of interdisciplinary research or working experience in two or more of the above fields will be an advantage.

Applicants should be interested in interdisciplinary collaboration and willing to engage in the activities of the research group. Since one of our goals is to extend our interdisciplinary networks across the African continent, we are looking especially for researchers who plan to continue their careers at African institutions.

WHAT IS THE OFFER?

ZiF offers a monthly stipend of 2,400 Euro, free accommodation at the ZiF's campus and travel expenses. ZiF will also contribute to the costs of adequate health insurance.

Fellows are very welcome to bring their immediate families. ZiF's campus provides suitable accommodation varying from single room to family size-flats. Fellows will also receive an additional allowance of 200 Euro per month per accompanying child under the age of 13. We will be happy to assist with finding appropriate childcare and educational facilities.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply, please submit a CV and a letter of motivation (maximum three pages, CV excluded) describing your research and how you intend to contribute to the research group. Please attach one or two relevant publications.

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 made by ZiF and the research group conveners. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview. The interviews will take place in March 2023.

Please contact us with any questions;
we are happy to help!

Dr. Manuela Lenzen +49 521 106-2785,
manuela.lenzen@uni-bielefeld.de

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

Send your application in one PDF file to:

Executive Director

Prof. Dr. Véronique Zanetti
zif-elias-fellowship@uni-bielefeld.de

Sociologist, philosopher and poet Norbert Elias (1897-1990) developed the theory of the 'Civilization Process' and worked at ZiF 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.

The Norbert Elias Fellowships are supported by