Information for Applicants
for the Bielefeld International Summer School on
“Research in Religious Development”
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Who can apply? Researchers from all over the globe are invited to apply for participation.

Who has a chance of being accepted? The answer results from the threefold aim of this summer school to (a) familiarizing with and discussing theory and methods for studying religious change and development in the psychology of religion and related disciplines, (b) assisting researchers, who are engaged in research with a developmental approach, or intend to include a developmental perspective in their study, in the elaboration and refinement of their research designs, and (c) promote the networking among young and senior researchers in this field of study. Therefore, the decisive criterion for being accepted is the active involvement in a current research project or the active engagement in the planning of a research project with a clear focus on the study of religious change and development. In terms of formal qualification, we expect at least a Bachelor’s degree, but welcome also experienced senior researchers. First experiences with the Faith Development Interview or the Religious Schema Scale would be highly appreciated, but are not mandatory. Your activities should be described in detail in your Letter of Intent. References from colleagues supporting your application are not required, but may help your application.

Registration fee. Registration fee is 200 EUR. This registration fee includes costs for accommodation and meals. This means that accommodation in the Jugendgästehaus Bielefeld, refreshments and lunch involve no further expenses for all participants. After being accepted for the Summer School and for Travel Funds, participants will be required to pay their registration fee.

Travel Fund. Upon acceptance, you should primarily apply for travel funds from your university or use funds from a research grant. But, if those options are not available, you may send us your application for travel funds. Thanks to a generous grant from the John Templeton Foundation, participation regardless of the location where you currently live or study should be possible. It is very likely that 100% of participants’ costs for travelling to Bielefeld can be covered. After evaluating and deciding participant’s travel fund application, applicants will be informed eight weeks before the summer school. Bielefeld University will reimburse participants for travel expenses after the summer school.

Calendar:
➢ November 30, 2019: Deadline for submitting the full application including CV and a Letter of Intent
➢ January 10, 2020: Information of applicants about their acceptance for the Summer School
➢ March 1, 2020: Deadline for the application for travel funds
➢ March 30, 2020: Communication about the acceptance and amount of travel funds
➢ April 15, 2020: Payment of registration fee
➢ May 25, 2020: Summer School begins