



Una Europa Opportunities for Early Career Researchers

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Where Is It? Freie Universität Berlin is located in the southwest of the vibrant city of Berlin.

What Opportunities Are There?

National and foundation funding

Funding	Deadline	Duration	Amount	Eligibility	Nationality requirements	Fields	More info
DFG Walter Benjamin Programme	Any time	Up to 2 years	A position at a German University according to TV-L 13 and/or fellowship for abroad + 250€/month	PhD, Early Postdocs (R2 definition)	The programme is open to early postdocs of any nationality. There some specifics regarding fellowships for those researchers who want to go abroad.	Any field	DFG website
DFG Individual Research Grant (“Own Position”)	Any time	Up to 3 years	A position at a German University according to TV-L 13 + other project costs	PhD	The programme is open to researchers of any nationality to conduct projects at a German institution	Any field	DFG website
DFG Emmy Noether Programme	Any time	6 years (3+3)	A position as a research group leader + personnel costs for a research group + other project costs	2-4 years after finishing PhD, excellent doctorate	The programme is open to researchers of any nationality to conduct projects at a German institution	Any field	DFG website
Fritz Thyssen Foundation Research Projects	1 February / 1 September	Up to 3 years (2+1)	A position at a German University according to	PhD	The programme is open to researchers of any nationality	History, Language & Culture	Website

			TV-L 13 + other project costs			State, Economy and Society Medicine and the Natural Sciences	
Gerda Henkel Foundation Research Scholarship	May 2024 (tbc)	Up to 2 years	Fellowship 2.300€/month + travel & material expenses as required	PhD < 10 years ago	The programme is open to researchers of any nationality	Archaeology, History of Art, Historical Islamic Studies, History, History of Science, History of Law, Prehistory and Early History	Website
DAAD Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (PRIME)	31 August 2024	18 months (12 months abroad + 6 months in Germany)	Position at a German university for the whole duration	PhD + min. one publication	No nationality requirements. Applicants living abroad are expected to state their intent to continue their research careers in Germany upon completion of the return phase	Any field	DAAD website
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Humboldt Research Fellowship for Early career researchers	Any time	Up to 2 years	Basic payment 2.670€ / month + travel and family allowance, subsidy for insurances, lump sum for research costs 500-800€	PhD < 4 years ago, Applicants must have lived outside Germany for a minimum of 12 months in total in the 18-month period prior to submission of the application	The programme is open to researchers of any nationality	Any field	Website
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation	Any time	Up to 18 months, may be divided	Basic payment 3.170€ /month	PhD < 12 years ago, applicants must have	The programme is open to researchers of any nationality	Any field	Website

Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers		into 3 blocks	+ travel and family allowance, subsidy for insurance, lump sum for research costs 500-800€	lived outside Germany for a minimum of 12 months in total in the 18-month period prior to submission of the application			
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Why Come Here?

Freie Universität Berlin was established in West Berlin in 1948 with significant international support. Since its inception, the principles of freedom and international collaboration have been crucial in shaping its trajectory. FU Berlin stands as one of the few German universities that have succeeded in all three funding lines of the German federal and state Excellence Initiative. This achievement has brought additional resources to support its ongoing institutional growth. FU Berlin is an active partner in the Berlin University Alliance, a collaboration among four distinguished Higher Education Institutions in the city. This alliance aims to consolidate strengths and create an optimal environment for research and teaching throughout the German capital. In terms of international recognition, FU Berlin holds a prominent position. According to the ranking by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, it is the top-ranked institution in Germany for attracting international scholars.

Who Should I Contact?

The first step is to search for professors or groups you would want to work with and contact them, if you haven't already. They will be able to help you develop your ideas, and put you in touch with support staff to help you further.