

WINS fellowships for postdoctoral researchers Call for proposals

WINS Adlershof and the PostDoc Center Adlershof are pleased to offer **five fellowships** to visiting female postdoctoral researchers. Sponsored by the Einstein Stiftung in cooperation with the Berlin University Alliance, these fellowships aim to provide opportunities for exchange and support the career development of female postdoctoral researchers in an international context.

Purpose

Five WINS fellowships are available for female postdoctoral researchers from research institutions or universities abroad who will be invited to come to Berlin for a period of approximately 4 to 6 weeks. These fellowships are designed to increase the visibility of female postdoctoral researchers and to facilitate the transition of postdocs to independent scholars.

The **criteria for the selection** of the fellowships are as follows:

- Potential to strengthen the scientific connections of the fellow and help extend their professional network *and/or*
- Potential to prepare or start a new collaboration project with HU researchers with the aim of developing novel and innovative research ideas and approaches *and/or*
- Potential to enhance the skills, knowledge, and career prospects of postdoctoral researchers

Timeline

Deadline for applications: **June 23rd**

Announcement of selected candidates: **mid-July**

Research visits: **October and November 2023**

Financial support

The fellowships offer financial support of a 4.000 EUR bulk sum, which can be used by the fellows to cover all expenses during their stay in Berlin, including travel expenses, accommodation and living expenses, conference registration fees, and other related expenses.

Eligibility

To be eligible, proposals can be submitted by postdocs, group leaders and professors from the five departments of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at the HU Berlin, who wish to invite an international female postdoc to visit their research lab in Berlin.

Application

To apply, please submit a single PDF to Kathrin Trommler (postdoc-center-adlershof.mnf@hu-berlin.de) which includes:

- the PDF form (filled out by the inviting researcher)
- the CV of the candidate
- a short (1/2 page max) motivation letter by the candidate
- a host statement confirming that the invited candidate will be hosted by the HU Berlin

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Further information

Kathrin Trommler, PostDoc Center Adlershof: postdoc-center-adlershof.mnf@hu-berlin.de

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The success of the 2022 WINS fellowships for postdoctoral researchers has inspired the Einstein Stiftung in collaboration with the Berlin University Alliance to expand it in 2023.

The 2022 fellows stayed with us in Berlin from 05th November till 21st December.

Feedback of the fellows

"Looking at how women from different regions actively participated in research and academia left me with great morale to continue encouraging women to participate in scientific research." *Dr. Deborah Natumanya, Uganda*



"I really hope to establish a long-lasting collaboration with HU because of the high level of the research and the common research

interests with complementary expertise. Let me thank you all again - for the fellowship, for all the activities and discussion and your passion that really help and motivate young women in science, not only for our career but for making academia a good example for knowledge and equality for everyone." *Dr. Sara Nocentini, Italy*



"The stay has been beneficial for planning, writing, and preparing for presentations, proposals. Visiting labs around and exploring the facilities available helped me plan my future research work. In the near future, I look forward to plan experiments with the Novel Material Group and discussing about proposals for funding." *Dr. Alaka Panda, India*

Feedback of the hosts

"Hosting a WINS Fellow was an incredible opportunity for me to grow professionally and receive support and inspiration for my own research. The fellow's arrival brought a breath of fresh air to our group, new perspectives and innovative ideas, and helped increase diversity and representation in our research area. It was a success on every level!" *Dr. Sofia Pazzagli, HU (Host)*



"Thank you for creating the WINS fellowship opportunity. We were able to complete our research proposal and submit it to DFG for funding. We are now waiting for the reviews (keeping fingers crossed for funding)." *Dr. Jane Katusiime, HU (Host)*

[Read more about the fellows and the 2022 programme.](#)