

FELLOWSHIPS

HERDER INSTITUTE for Historical Research on East Central Europe

The Herder fellowship program invites doctoral students or postdocs, to work on East Central European history and culture. Within the framework of a fellowship, you have the opportunity to pursue your research project as a **doctoral candidate or postdoc** with the outstanding collections and the research library of the Herder Institute. The Herder Institute considers itself as a forum for an international academic discussion that serves as a platform for exchange and networking.

BENEFITS

The fellowship allows a **one-month** research stay in the collections of the Herder Institute.

Fellowship
1400 € / month

Grant for health Insurance
max. 35 € / month (non-EU)

Material allowance
50 € / month

Travel reimbursement
Expenses for a train ticket (2nd class)

DOCUMENTS

For a complete application we need from you:

- completed **application form**
- your **academic CV** (resumé)
- your **list of publications**
- a **short description** of your project (up to three pages). The description should include the objec-

tives you hope to achieve and a description of the methods you intend to use. Please tell us whether you have already started the project or related research and whether there are opportunities to cooperate with other researchers

- a **letter of recommendation** from an academic supervisor on the current project
- scans of your **diplomas** and **certificates** of your academic degree

Please send your application to:
stipendien@herder-institut.de

SELECTION

The applications are reviewed by a selection committee. The selection committee consists of the Director of the Institute, the Deputy Director, the Research Coordinator and the Head of the Academic Forum. Fellowships are awarded by the board of the Herder Institute based on the reviews of the selection committee. Reasons for the award or rejection are not communicated to applicants. In addition, we must inform you that there is no legal claim to a fellowship.

CONDITIONS

The purpose of the fellowship program is the support of your stay at the Herder Institute in Marburg for academic purposes and therefore it also covers your travel expenses.

A fellowship does not constitute an employer-employee relationship of any kind. The payment is not a wage in terms of § 14 SGB IV (Sozialgesetzbuch, German social security law). Therefore, fellowships are not subject to social security. Fellows are self-employed in terms of § 18 EStG (Einkommensteuergesetz, German income tax law). For this reason, we cannot cover any social security expenses. According to § 3 No. 44 EStG, fellowships are exempt from tax and are normally not subject to the tax progression clause in accordance with § 32 b EStG. Nevertheless, we recommend that you take out the necessary insurance (health, social security) at your own expense.

When you accept the fellowship, you automatically agree to the conditions that you will not take up any other work for the duration of the fellowship, to focus all your efforts on the research project and to inform us immediately when you recognize that your project cannot be completed in the way you planned. Furthermore, you agree to stay in Marburg for the duration of the fellowship.

As part of the fellowship program you are required to submit a **report (up to two pages)** on your results and your experiences approximately **4 weeks after your stay** at the Herder Institute.

You may be asked to give a presentation on your research project at an internal or public event at the Herder Institute.



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