

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) is Bielefeld University's Institute for Advanced Study. It offers opportunities – with respect to time, space, and funding – for outstanding interdisciplinary research.

In principle, ZiF's funding formats are open to academics from all institutions outside Bielefeld; however, the "Summer School" programme is aimed exclusively at academics from Bielefeld University. Within the framework of a Summer School, new findings which are important for the development of a research field can be shared and discussed with early career researchers (doctoral and postdoctoral students). In addition, the funding format aims to build international networks. Academics from all disciplines at Bielefeld University who have at least completed their doctorate can apply for a Summer School and hold it at ZiF with an interdisciplinary and (preferably) international group they have put together. The group of participants is not limited to academics from Bielefeld University.

Funding Format

ZiF Summer Schools are discussion-oriented academic events and you can apply for one for a period of 8 to 14 days in August/September. The funding amount is *up to* 15,000 €.

The selection criteria are:

- Interdisciplinarity,
- scientific quality, and
- originality

Application

Applications can be submitted by scholars based at Bielefeld University; as a minimum requirement, they must have completed their doctoral studies. The application should explain why the project is particularly well suited for the format of the Summer School and how the chosen topic will be dealt with in an interdisciplinary manner. The invited lecturers should be leading experts in the field and their composition should also reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the event. ZiF also encourages international participation.

Applications must be submitted one and a half years in advance, by 1 February; **dates must be coordinated with ZiF's Group and Conference Support (zif-conference-office@uni-bielefeld.de) in advance of the application.** The application should preferably be submitted in the language of the event (German or English).

Application Requirements

When submitting an application, we kindly ask you to consider the following formal criteria:

1. Cover Sheet

- Title of the event
- Name, affiliation, and address of all applicants; clear indication of a main contact
- Intended timeframe (only possible in August/September)

2. **Summary of the project** in English; for applications submitted in German, we additionally require a German summary (up to 1,500 char., incl. spaces, approx. 1/2 a page).

3. **Event description** (max. 20,000 char., incl. spaces, approx. 8-10 pages)

- Research topic and questions
- Current state of research
- Discussion-oriented work programme with names of speakers and topics, if already foreseeable
- Details of the participants (maximum number, selection criteria and procedure)
- List of lecturers with details of discipline, institution/university, their specific relevance to the Summer School and the status of the enquiry
- Reference list (not part of the character count)

4. **Short CV of all applicants** (not lecturers and participants), including latest publications relevant to the event (up to 2 pages per person, incl. publications). CV of participants are not part of the application.

5. **Preliminary budget** (for orientation; in the event of approval, this is subject to review and, if necessary, adjustment by the ZiF); if the project receives third-party-funding, please indicate so in the budget.

Please note that the total funding amount is *up to* 15,000 EUR; the exact amount granted is based on the financial needs of the proposed event (including factors such as programme and lecturers).

Please send your application in one PDF file to:

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