

CALL FOR PROPOSALS VISITING GROUPS AT ZIF

Deadlines for Application: 23 April 2024, 28 November 2024

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. ZiF is open to scholars from all disciplines post-PhD, based in Germany and abroad. They can propose a research project to be conducted with a curated group of (preferably) international colleagues.

To support the work of groups on-site in Bielefeld, ZiF allocates financial resources and provides infrastructure as well as organisational support. If their collaborative application is successful, ZiF will host these groups on its campus.

WHAT ZIF OFFERS

- **Duration:** one stay at ZiF of a duration between one and three months
- **Funding Amount:** up to EUR 50,000 to cover the costs for travel and accommodation, workshops and/or conferences on-site; personnel expenses (buy-outs) cannot be covered, but an allowance of 1.000 EUR per month will be paid as a compensation for any additional costs
- **Timing:**
 - For deadline on 23 April: Projects can start in the spring of 2025
 - For deadline on 28 November: Projects can start in the fall of 2025

Visiting Groups can, for example, explore new research topics and partnerships, finalise interdisciplinary publications or conduct small research projects during their stay at ZiF.

Group Requirements

- **Size:** the minimum for each group is three people
- **Composition:** different disciplines must be involved; international participation is explicitly encouraged
- We expect groups to be present at ZiF for their collaboration phase. Additional virtual participants may be involved.
- The necessity for interdisciplinary collaboration must stem from the research at hand and be explained in the proposal. The mere involvement of different disciplines does not suffice.
- A gender balance appropriate to the disciplines involved is expected.

Important Selection Criteria

- Interdisciplinarity
- Academic quality
- Originality on an international level

Proposals will be selected competitively. Complete submissions will be reviewed externally. **Decisions will be made upon receipt of reviews; for the deadline in April in fall 2024, for the deadline in November in spring 2025.**

Applications must be submitted by a team of **two to four** people who also act as convenors of the group they propose. All convenors must have completed a doctorate. One of them acts as the main contact person (to be clearly labelled). The team of applicants has to represent different disciplines.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please consider the following formal criteria for a formally adequate application:

1. Cover Sheet

- Title of the project
- Name, affiliation, and address of all applicants; clear indication of a main contact
- Intended timeframe

2. Summary of the project (up to 1,500 char., incl. spaces, approx. 1/2 a page).

3. Project description (max. 25,000 char., incl. spaces, approx. 10 pages)

- Research topic and questions
- Objectives and anticipated output
- Current state of research
- Methods
- Justification for the interdisciplinary collaboration
- Timing of the project and work plan (overview, e.g. as a table)
- If applicable: information on workshops and/or conferences to be held during the project
- Composition of the group (list of participants, their discipline, affiliation, and specific expertise for the project, status of invitation/participation) (not part of the character count)
- Reference list (not part of the character count)

4. Preliminary budget (in case a grant is made, the budget will be checked by ZiF)

5. Short CV of all applicants, including latest publications relevant to the project (up to 3 pages per applicant, incl. publications). CV of participants are not part of the application.

ANSWERS TO BUDGET-SPECIFIC AND GENERAL QUESTIONS CAN ALSO BE FOUND IN OUR [FAQ](#).

Please contact us with any questions;
we are happy to help!

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