SAFE – Supporting At-risk Researchers with Fellowships in Europe

Call for Fellowship Applications

OVERVIEW

1 The EU-funded SAFE project aims to provide 60 fellowships to non-EU researchers facing threats in their home countries, supporting them to continue their academic work at a research institution in the EU.

WHO CAN APPLY?

2 **Applications must be submitted by a higher education or research institution located in the EU** on behalf of the researcher they are willing to host. **Each host institution may submit only one application in total**, on behalf of a single researcher.

The target group for SAFE fellowships are **doctoral** and **post-doctoral** researchers at risk.

The fellowships will be awarded between **two tracks**:

- **Track 1: Researchers at risk without EU citizenship currently outside the EU** who are facing threats in their country of residence or have recently fled their country of residence to a third country due to such threats and have neither refugee nor subsidiary protection status there.

- **Track 2: Researchers at risk without EU citizenship who are already in an EU Member State,** either with recognised refugee or subsidiary protection status in the EU, or researchers outside the refugee process holding or applying for temporary permits/visas in an EU Member State.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

3 Funding will be provided for the selected researchers to carry out a **doctoral or postdoctoral research project** at the proposed host institution in the EU.

VALUE

4 **For fellowship holders**:

- Monthly salary contribution (3040 EUR gross for PhD, 5080 EUR gross for post-doc level)
- Monthly mobility allowance (600 EUR)
- Family allowance (660 EUR)
- Special needs allowance (upon demand)

Additionally, **for host institutions**:

- Monthly contribution to research training and networking (1000 EUR)
- Monthly allowance for management/indirect contribution (650 EUR)

WHAT REQUIRE-MENTS MUST BE MET?

5 The following eligibility criteria apply for researchers:

(1) a. <u>Doctoral/PhD candidates</u> must be enrolled in a doctoral/PhD pro-gramme or have started their doctoral/PhD studies at the time of applica-tion. The start date of the doctoral/PhD studies should be no earlier than 5 years prior to the application deadline

  b. <u>Postdoctoral researchers</u> must be in possession of a doctoral de-gree at the time the fellowship is set to begin; the successful defense of the doctoral thesis must have taken place by the time of the application. Postdoctoral researchers must have no more than 8 years of full-time re-search experience, starting from the date they received their doctoral de-gree

(2) Candidates must have the language skills required to successfully conduct their research activities at the envisaged host institution

(3) Candidates must not hold EU citizenship

(4) Candidates must face or have faced qualifying risks (e.g. discrimina-tion, persecution, imprisonment, surveillance, censorship, violence)

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND LOCATION

6 The online application platform will be accessible via this link **from 18th November 2024 to 20th January 2025, at 23:59 (CET).**

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

7 More detailed information on eligibility criteria, application documents, and the selection process can be found in the **SAFE Terms of Refer-ence for Applicants** and the FAQs section on the project website.

CONTACT

8 For any questions regarding the application and the evaluation process, please contact info.safe@daad.de.