

Funding Guidelines for WWU Fellowships for International Researchers and Instructors

Preamble

International activities and partnerships serve to enhance the profile and competitiveness of the University of Münster (WWU) in its core areas of academic instruction and research. WWU Fellowships for international researchers and instructors expand and improve the internationalisation efforts at the University of Münster.

§ 1 Purpose of funding

The University of Münster allocates budgetary resources to finance fellowships for international researchers and instructors for the purpose of promoting international academic exchange and supporting research and teaching cooperation.

§ 2 Type and scope of funding

WWU Fellowships are granted as scholarship funding. The fellowships can be awarded to finance either in-person or virtual (stay-at-home) visits at the University of Münster. Fellowships are awarded for up to three months in duration; funding is adjusted proportionately for shorter-term visits. The amount of the respective monthly instalments is published on the website of the University of Münster.

The awarded funding meets the prerequisites of scholarship funding as stipulated by § 3 (44) EstG, i.e. scholarships which the WWU – as a legal entity of public law – draws from publicly allocated budgetary resources to promote international cooperation in research and teaching and to support academic training and continuing education. The fellowships may be augmented by other budgetary resources (faculty-administered budgetary funding, third-party funding) to cover specific living expenses (e.g. increased travel expenses).

§ 3 Award of funding

The fellowships are awarded by the International Office of the Rectorate. The selection committee can only consider applications which the International Office has received in full and by the respective, published submission deadline.

§ 4 Funding requirements and conditions

The selection process adheres to the funding conditions of the WWU International Fund. These stipulate that funding should promote or initiate international activities of the faculties, institutes or other WWU facilities.

- WWU Fellowships are intended to support research projects, teaching partnerships, advanced training and continuing education measures, and activities which serve to maintain and promote long-term international contacts.
- Fellowship recipients are required to hold a university degree and doctoral title.¹
- If a faculty/institute submits several applications for funding through the WWU Fellowship programme, the applications must be prioritised. The priorities of the faculties/institutes serve as the basis for funding approval.
- The University encourages host faculties/institutes to integrate visiting researchers/lecturers into the teaching activities at the WWU.

§ 5 Application and approval process

- (1) Applications are to be submitted to the International Office by the host faculty/host institute.
- (2) The applications are reviewed and selected by a committee appointed by the International Office, consisting of the head and departmental representatives responsible for the funding lines of the Internationalisation Fund. If necessary, the committee may seek the advice of the internationalisation representatives in other University departments (i.e. outside the International Office).

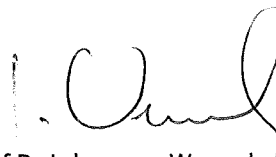
§ 6 Coming into force

These guidelines (in their original German version) come into force on the day following their publication in the *Amtliche Bekanntmachungen* of the University of Münster (AB Uni; "Official Announcements").

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¹ This requirement may be waived in exceptional and substantiated cases.