

Freie Universität Berlin participates in

**3** Clusters of Excellence

**27** Collaborative Research Centers (SFB)

**5** Focus Areas

**10** Grants of the European Research Council

**15** Junior research groups

**10** Temporary W2 professorships

**110.7** Million Euro external funding (2011)

**FOR CURRENT CALLS AND  
APPLICATION DETAILS VISIT:**

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**DAHLEM  
RESEARCH  
SCHOOL** | Center  
for Junior  
Researchers

DRS Postdoc Fellows are integrated into  
Freie Universität Berlin's research networks:

## FOCUS AREAS

One of the special features of research at Freie Universität Berlin is the university's targeted formation of research alliances called Focus Areas. The 5 Focus Areas form academic and scientific networks and are working platforms for interdisciplinary collaborative research at Freie Universität.

## EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS

Freie Universität Berlin is one of the most successful universities in the second phase of the German Excellence Initiative (2012 to 2017). 7 Graduate Schools provide structured doctoral education in an outstanding research environment and facilitate early integration into the academic community. 3 Research Clusters investigate cutting-edge research topics in interdisciplinary groups together with partners in the Berlin-Brandenburg region.

## DRS DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Dahlem Research School offers 27 doctoral degree programs in the following subject groups: Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural and Life Sciences.

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## DRS POSTDOC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The DRS Postdoc Fellowship Program with its lines POINT and HONORS aims to integrate postdoctoral researchers into the university's interdisciplinary and international Focus Areas and Excellence Programs in an early phase of their career. It provides funding and support for outstanding postdoctoral fellows to conduct their own research project.

### WHY APPLY?

The Fellowship Program enables promising junior researchers to

- work independently on a research topic of their own choice
- further develop their scientific expertise in an effective, targeted way
- establish themselves in their field of research, e.g., by publishing on the topic
- start new co-operations in a stimulating research environment
- develop teaching and leadership skills
- receive professional guidance on obtaining research funding

### DAHLEM RESEARCH SCHOOL

Dahlem Research School (DRS) is the Center for Junior Researchers at Freie Universität Berlin. DRS provides research training, professional development and funding opportunities to its researchers at every stage of their academic career.



Line	POINT
Target group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding postdoctoral fellows with a minimum of 2 years international research experience</li> </ul>
Host	Focus Area / Excellence Program at Freie Universität Berlin
Period	18 months
Funding conditions	Funding for a research project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment contract covering social and health insurance</li> <li>• Travel allowance</li> <li>• Research allowance</li> <li>• Tailored DRS qualification program</li> <li>• German courses</li> </ul>
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All nationalities</li> <li>• PhD completed &lt; 6 years prior to application deadline</li> <li>• Not resident in Germany &gt; 12 months within last 3 years prior to application deadline</li> <li>• Wish to pursue an academic career in Germany / at Freie Universität Berlin</li> </ul>

Line	HONORS
Target group	Exceptional doctoral candidates in DRS Doctoral Programs
Host	DRS Doctoral Program at Freie Universität Berlin
Period	12 months
Funding conditions	Bridge funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stipend covering living expenses</li> <li>• Research allowance</li> <li>• Tailored DRS qualification program</li> </ul>
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently submitted thesis for a PhD in a DRS Doctoral Program</li> <li>• Doctoral Program was completed within &lt; 3.5 years</li> <li>• Excellent academic potential</li> <li>• Wish to pursue an academic career</li> </ul>