



Morphomata Fellowships

Morphomata invites roughly 10-15 fellowships for a period of 3 to 9 months. The fellowships are announced publicly, and international scholars in the humanities are encouraged to apply. Fellows can pursue their individual projects at the center. To ensure this, we offer the following support:

Financial

The Fellows receive **compensation**, provided the Fellow will receive no income from his/her home institution while he/she is in Cologne. If possible, the amount of the grant will be based on the Fellow's previous level of compensation; however, the maximum amount is capped by the funding organization (the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research). The actual amount of the grant is negotiated on an individual basis.

Alternatively, the grant can be used to finance a teaching substitute at the Fellow's home university. If the Fellow does continue to receive his or her income for the duration of the fellowship, an **expense allowance** is all that can be paid for any additional expenses (such as paying double rent). The same applies to emeriti/retirees.

Please note: Currently there is no guarantee that the grant will be tax free. We suggest that Fellows currently residing outside Germany investigate tax treaties in relation to potential double taxation. Fellows should contact their tax accountant or competent tax office to clarify any tax questions.

Academic Life at the Center

On Mondays and Tuesdays our meetings take place, i.e. the Research Group Meetings, Fellow Meetings, and the public Morphomata Lectures Cologne, which take place on Monday evenings. In these lectures, Fellows have the opportunity to present their projects to a larger audience.

Discussions within the meetings are mostly conducted in English. Nevertheless, it is advantageous to have some knowledge of German. To a limited degree, the Center can arrange for translation of presentations or presentation abstracts.

Facilities

The Morphomata Center for Advanced Studies (Internationales Kolleg Morphomata) is within walking distance of the University of Cologne's main building, the humanities faculty and the university library. The Center's premises include offices for Fellows and colleagues, a reading room that doubles as a conference room, and a lounge. The fellowship provides Fellows with office space, a computer, telephone (with international flat rate), and Internet access.

Travel Expenses

The Center covers the costs of the Fellows' arrival to and departure from the Center for the fellowship. Additionally, individual trips to conferences and research travel can be funded with approval by the assistant directors as long as they are directly related to the fellowship project. Due to government regulations, the Center can only finance economy-class flights and train tickets. Taxi fares can only be covered in exceptional cases and must be cleared in advance.

Families

Round trip travel costs for family members (spouses, preschool, and school children) can be covered with prior agreement if they accompany the Fellow for at least 3 months. The University of Cologne's Welcome Centre for International Scholars is available for inquiries regarding kindergartens and schools in the area.

Accommodation

Funding for the Fellow's accommodation is usually included in the grant. The University of Cologne maintains two guest houses with rental apartments. Irrespective of whether the Fellow decides to rent an apartment on campus or on the open market, the University of Cologne's Welcome Centre is happy to assist in finding adequate accommodation.

Insurance

The University of Cologne's Welcome Centre helps foreign Fellows to acquire their necessary health insurance. However, please do note that the fellowship does not constitute an employment contract and consequently does not represent an obligation to contribute to social insurance. The Center therefore does not contribute to pension funds or unemployment insurance, nor does it make the employer's contribution to health insurance. Fellows currently residing abroad are encouraged to clarify to what extent their health insurance will cover their stay in Germany. Upon entering Germany, Fellows must be able to prove that they have valid health insurance.

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