

FAQs

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Who can apply (prerequisites for applying)?

You can apply if you:

- have already successfully completed your PhD within the past 8 years, or will have completed it by the time the fellowship commences;
- are a citizen of an ODA-recipient country;
- have a very good command of English, as English is the primary language used within the programme;
- do not pursue any other full-time employment over the course of the fellowship. Please declare any part-time work you plan to carry out (e.g. as lecturer, advisor etc.), including an estimate of the hours that you will dedicate to it, when submitting your application.

Do I need to make independent arrangements for affiliation with the institution at which I wish undertake my research project?

Yes. Applicants should get in contact with a suitable research institution (university, institute, research centre, etc.) and identify a suitable academic supervisor (mentor) with expertise in the proposed area of research.

Which institutions can my postdoc position be based at?

In principle, you can carry out your research project at any research institution (university, institute, research centre, etc.) located in an ODA-recipient country. Institutional basing can be flexible. In *exceptional cases*, especially when you are facing serious security issues in your home country, funding at a German research institution is possible. Funding at any other non-ODA country is not possible. The affiliation with the research institution should be explained in detail in the Host's statement and confirmation that research facilities are available (see downloads). It will be evaluated by the RLS as part of the application.

Can I participate if I am not a citizen of an ODA-recipient country?

Unfortunately no. The programme is explicitly aimed at citizens of ODA-recipient countries.

Which countries are ODA recipients?

The [DAC List of ODA Recipients](#) shows all countries and territories that are eligible to receive official development assistance (ODA). These consist of all low- and middle-income countries based on gross national income (GNI) per capita as published by the World Bank, with the exception of G8 members, EU members, and countries with a set date for entry into the EU. The list also includes all of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) as defined by the United Nations (UN).

What language should my documents be written in?

Since communication within the programme is carried out in English, all documents must also be submitted in English. Please add an English translation to documents in any other language.

What happens if I can't submit evidence of my English abilities?

You should be able to prove at least a [C1 level](#) of English, unless it is your native language or you wrote your doctoral dissertation in English. If you do not have an official certificate, please provide written information regarding your language skills in a PDF.

Do I need to have a certified translation of my documents?

Non-certified copies of your degrees and supporting documentation will suffice for the application. Please note that we require a translation into English should the documents have been authored in a language other than English or German.

Do I have to submit the supporting documentation in full?

Yes. In order to complete your application, you must upload all documents in full to the application portal. To complete the application process, please remember to select the option "save all information" under "Dashboard". Unfortunately, incomplete applications cannot be considered.

What is the amount of the stipend?

The financial support provided to postdoctoral researchers is based on salaries paid for comparable, full-time academic positions in the region, and as such will vary from country to country. Additional funding may be granted, and travel expenditure for international meetings arranged by the RLS will be covered in full. For the proposed research stay in Germany, the monthly payment is €2,500.

How long does the funding last?

The Global Scholarly Dialogue Programme will fund postdoc positions until **December 2024**. Funding will commence in **January 2023** at the earliest, depending on your schedule. That means that if you start by January 2023, we can fund you for 24 months, if you start in May, we can fund only 20 months, and so on.

Do I have to take part in the regular digital meetings and the workshops in Germany?

Yes. Collaboration with the other research fellows is essential. However, we are aware that for different reasons some scholars may be unable to leave their country. In this case, we will find alternative solutions for participation.

Are travel costs covered, or is there additional funding for travel?

Travel costs for international meetings arranged by the RLS will be covered in full. We will also pay a monthly travel allowance of 100€ to cover for additional travel costs, to be spend at your consideration.

What is the purpose of the stay at a university in Germany, and is it obligatory?

By encouraging scholars to teach and research in Germany, we hope to contribute to strengthen critical perspectives from the Global South in global academia, and to deepen the dialogue between radical thinkers and activists from North and South alike. contexts. Your stay in Germany will also enable the IRGAC to intensify the dialogue and cooperation between the participants of the research group and other critical scholars and activists. This phase is therefore important to us—but it is not obligatory. If it is not possible for you to come to Germany, please explain why.

Where can I undertake my research stay in Germany?

The RLS is connected to a large network of scholars with whom we cooperate and whose universities can serve as host institutions during your stay in Germany. Of course, you are free to apply for an invitation to a German university that is not part of our network.

Where exactly do I apply?

You apply with all the necessary documents via the [Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's portal](#).

Are applications only possible via the portal?

Yes. Applications via email will not be considered.

When does the call for applications close?

Application deadline is August 24, 2022.

What happens once I've applied?

An academic board of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (RLS) will evaluate all complete applications. The most promising projects will then be evaluated by external academic referees, and we will invite the candidates for an interview (via videoconference). The selection committee, which comprises representatives of different areas of the RLS, the RLS academic advisory board, representatives of our network partners and scholars with ties to the RLS, will meet in Berlin in November 2022. Please note that the selection made at that time is final and cannot be revised.

When and how will I find out if I've been selected?

The selection committee meets around four weeks before commencement of the programme. Notifications of admission to the programme and rejection letters are sent out around three weeks before the programme commences. Reasons for rejection will not be given.

Who can I speak to if I have further queries?

Please email us at GlobalDialogue@rosalux.org

Is it the case that only applicants from certain disciplines are accepted into the programme?

No. In principle, it is possible for researchers from various fields of study to apply for a fellowship. However, the topic outlined in the Call for Applications must be addressed.

Is my personal information secure?

Protecting your personal information is very important to us. You can find our *data protection policy* [here](#). If you are still concerned about anything, please contact us by email.

What happens with the documents I submit? Is the protection of my personal information guaranteed?

Submitted documents containing personal information are processed by the Scholarship Department. We guarantee that your personal information will only be passed on to people who are involved in the selection process. Documents provided by applicants who are not successful are kept on file for two years, after which they are destroyed. We are not able to return application documents.

I have not yet completed my PhD. Am I eligible for the programme?

Yes, as long as you complete your PhD before the start of the scholarship. If you have not yet completed your PhD, a statement from your doctoral supervisor must be enclosed with your Master's degree (or comparable degree, e.g. diploma), along with a statement of when you expect to complete your PhD. Copies of the certificates in the form of PDF files are sufficient for the application. Successful applicants must present a certified copy of their PhD certificate before the start of the scholarship.