

FAQs

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Who can apply (prerequisites for applying)?

You can apply if you:

- have already successfully completed your PhD 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 intend to engage in full-time employment for the duration of the fellowship.

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

Yes. Applicants are obliged to get in contact with a suitable research institution (university, institute, research centre, etc.) and to 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, research projects can be carried out at any research institution (university, institute, research centre, etc.) located in an ODA-recipient country. Institutional basing can be flexible—as long as it is all in the Global South. The affiliation with the research institution must be explained in detail in the Endorsement Letter and the Binding Institutional Agreement (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. Host institutions must also be located in an ODA-recipient country.

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 in?

Since communication within the programme is carried on in English, all documents must also be submitted in English.

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

You must 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 a certificate, please provide written information regarding your language skills in a PDF.

Do I need to have the translations of my documents certified?

Non-certified copies of your degrees and supporting documentation will suffice for the application. Please note, however, that we require a translation into English should the documents have been authored in a language other than English or German. Please also note that if you are selected for funding, you will subsequently be asked to supply certified copies.

Does all supporting documentation need to be supplied in full?

Yes. In order to complete your application, you must upload all documents in full to the application portal. Unfortunately, incomplete applications cannot be considered.

What is the amount of the stipend?

Please note that the **financial support** provided to postdoctoral researchers will be 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 six-month 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 2021**. Funding will commence in November **2019** at the earliest, depending on your schedule. That means that if you start by November 2019, we can fund you for 26 months, if you start in December, we can fund only 25 months, and so on.

Do I have to take part in the annual seminars/workshops in Germany?

As a rule, yes, because collaboration with other participants in the programme is essential. However we are aware that some scholars are unable to leave their country. In this case, we will work something out in consultation with the programme participant.

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. Reimbursement for further travel costs is in principle possible, but will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

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

Firstly, we wish to ensure that critical perspectives and knowledge from the Global South are circulated more widely, which we hope to achieve by having programme participants teach and participate in seminars and other events in Germany. Secondly, the period of stay in Germany will enable intense dialogue and collaboration between research group participants 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 for between three and six months, 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 collaborate, and whose universities can serve as host institutions during your stay in Germany. Of course, you are free to seek an invitation to a German university that is not included in 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.

When does the call for applications close?

Application deadline is 4 August 2019.

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 at the end of September 2019 to decide which research proposals will be funded. 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 and provides the executive board of the RLS with recommendations. After reviewing the matter once more, the executive board decides on the selections. 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 program?

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.