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## Call for Applications Fellowships (Junior/Senior) Winter Semester 2025/26



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The Erich Auerbach Institute for Advanced Studies invites applications for the winter semester 2025/26

- for up to four **Senior Fellowships** for a period of one (up to a maximum of two) months in cooperation with a **Cologne partner**
- for up to five **Junior Fellowships** for a period of one to three months in cooperation with a **Cologne partner**

The Auerbach Institute offers faculty members the space to develop innovative research concepts in collaboration with international colleagues and to explore interdisciplinary interfaces.

### Fellowships

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The Call is addressed at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities to the group of

- full-time professors and
- employees with a doctorate

who apply together with

- an outstanding experienced researcher (Senior Fellow) or
- an ambitious young scholar after the doctorate (Junior Fellow)

Fellows with whom a cooperation already exists or a more intensive cooperation is intended are addressed. The Fellowship period should be within the Cologne lecture period from October 13, 2025 to February 6, 2026.

In addition to project-related research with the recruiting colleague, the fellows will give a lecture as a part of a public lecture series at the Auerbach Institute. The fellowship offers the freedom to advance the respective project and to establish and expand contacts with colleagues of the faculty. For this purpose, the fellows will have their own workspace and the opportunity to organize their own workshops or conferences.

### Research Focus

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This year's annual focus is on different scholarly, artistic and social practices, their interferences and the theoretical reflections associated with them. In contrast to approaches based on the history of ideas or primarily discourse-oriented approaches, praxeological approaches, for example, focus on the social, instrumental and media practices in which knowledge is produced and which endow social actors with agency. This is not limited to experimental procedures in the natural sciences,

but also applies to research in the humanities or aesthetic modeling and artistic processes. This is of particular importance at the present time, since in the course of digitalization a fundamental transformation of communicative and media practices can be observed, particularly in those disciplines and arts working textually. This will have a significant impact on the process of knowledge production in the coming years. The collaborative project outlines should address social practices on a content-related or methodological level. Of equal interest are projects with historical reference areas or with a systematic comparative perspective.

### **Elegibility**

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— The selection criteria for the Fellowships are academic qualification and originality of the proposed joint project, as well as the contribution of the project to the development of sustainable international relations. The selection is made by the Advisory Board of the Auerbach Institute.

### **Application**

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Applications consist of (please merge into one PDF file):

- a 1- to 2-page cover letter (with information on the preferred period of residence)
- a curriculum vitae of the proposed fellow
- a list of publications of the host and the planned fellow
- a proposal for a joint research project of max. 2000 words
- a summary of max. 200 words, which illustrates the significance of the project, even for those not familiar with the subject

The application deadline is March 31, 2025.

Please send applications in digital form to the Associate Director of the Auerbach Institute, who will also be available to answer any questions you may have:

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