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Call for Applications Fellowships (Junior/Senior) Summer Semester 2025



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The Erich Auerbach Institute for Advanced Studies invites applications for the summer semester 2025

- 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

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 April 7 to July 18, 2025.

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

The collaborative project outlines should address the key issues and perspectives of praxeology. The shift in perspective from assuming the veracity of scholarly subjects and facts independently of research practice to reconstructing how epistemic objects emerge through social, systemic, and media practices and networks is not limited to experimental procedures in the natural sciences. Rather, praxeological analysis enables an examination of scholarly practices in the humanities and the

processes of aesthetic theory formation with regard to their sociological foundations. 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.

Elegibility

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

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 October 31, 2024.

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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