

Funding Opportunities for Refugee Researchers from Ukraine and Information on ongoing Research Projects

The staff of Division 7 Research Management offers you support with questions on funding opportunities for refugee scientists from Ukraine and on ongoing research projects with Ukraine or Russia.

The following information gives an overview on the reactions of the different funding organisations. You can also find this information on our [website](#), which is updated regularly.

Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany

The Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany expresses its solidarity with partners in Ukraine and describes the consequences for science and the humanities in a statement that is available [here](#).

German Research Foundation (DFG)

Opening of the Walter Benjamin Programme to Refugees

- **Aim:** The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) has been supporting scientists who have fled their home countries since December 2015. It is now expanding its previous funding measures by opening up the Walter Benjamin Programme, which is intended to enable this target group to integrate into the German science system at any stage of their career (from the completed doctorate onwards). In the current situation, this concrete support measure for refugee scientists from all regions of the world is also an expression of solidarity with researchers from Ukraine as well as persecuted scientists from Russia.
- **Target group:** refugee scientists with PhD who have had to leave their home country within the last three years; the usual focus of this programme on applicants in the early postdoctoral phase does not apply to this target group.
- **Funder:** DFG
- **Duration:** up to 2 years
- **Funding:** Walter Benjamin position, allowance of € 250 per month for direct project costs, travel expenses and publication costs

- **Deadline:** continuously open
- **Link:**

https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/announcements_proposals/2022/info_wissenschaft_22_17/index.html

The DFG will continue its previous funding opportunities for refugee researchers in the future. In many DFG funding programmes (research grant, priority programme, research group, clinical research group, collegiate research group, research training group), it is possible to submit supplementary proposals in order to integrate persons who have fled their home country in the last three years into DFG projects that are already funded, i.e. ongoing.

Collaborative Research Centres are explicitly encouraged to use the already approved flat-rate funds for the integration of refugees, with which they can react flexibly, autonomously and directly according to need. This also applies to clusters of excellence.

Information for applicants: The DFG is currently not accepting new proposals or renewal proposals that are based on German-Russian cooperation. Proposals that have already been submitted, for example in the context of the joint call for proposals with the Russian Science Foundation (RSF), are suspended until further notice and will not be processed further.

Information for evaluators: Evaluators who have already been requested by the DFG for an application with Russian participation, are free to complete the evaluation and submit it to the DFG. The evaluation may also be suspended until further notice or returned to the DFG.

Information for funded researchers: Cooperation projects jointly funded by the DFG and a Russian partner organisation (Russian Science Foundation or Russian Foundation for Basic Research) are to be suspended. The projects are to be continued as far as possible without cooperation. The financing of the German part of the project is still guaranteed by the DFG.

Federal Ministry of Education and Science (BMBF)

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research stops the previous, long-standing cooperation with the Russian Federation in science and research as well as in vocational training, although it is fundamentally in the mutual interest and contributes

to solving global challenges such as climate change. All ongoing and planned measures with Russia will be frozen and critically reviewed. There will be no new measures for the time being.

Further information is available [here](#).

German Academic Research Exchange Service (DAAD)

Information for Project Leaders at German universities

Cooperation projects with partner universities in Ukraine will continue for the time being, even though implementation is hardly possible at present due to the war. A continuation of the projects digitally or within the framework of the given conditions is possible and strongly desired.

Cooperation projects with the Russian Federation and Belarus are to be limited. German students, teachers and researchers should not to travel to Russia and no joint events are to be held.

Information for Students and Academics from Germany

Due to the dangerous situation, applications for DAAD scholarships in Ukraine are currently not possible.

The DAAD has suspended the possibility for scientists and students from Germany to apply for scholarships to Russia. Scholarship commitments that have already been made will be withdrawn.

Further information is available [here](#).

The DAAD is currently in discussion with the Federal Government about a support programme for Ukrainian students, doctoral candidates and academics.

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH)

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is responding to Russia's war against Ukraine with a package of measures.

- The Humboldt Foundation offers its fellows from Ukraine special arrangements for alumni stays and fellowship extensions. In addition, these instruments are also intended to enable fellows from Russia who are threatened, for example, because of their critical stance towards the war, to stay in Germany.
- Endangered academics are generally offered protection within the framework of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative. Contact at the University of Cologne for questions regarding the Philipp Schwartz Initiative of the Alexander von

Humboldt Foundation: Dr. Heike Berner, email: h.berner@verw.uni-koeln.de, phone: +49 (0)221 470 5427.

- In partnerships with Russian institutes, alumni from Russia are currently not eligible for material support such as book donations and equipment grants. Funding for conferences in Russia has been suspended until further notice.
- Stipends for German academics who wish to conduct research in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus are suspended.
- Applications for fellowships from Russia are still possible until further notice, but will be strictly reviewed according to proliferation criteria. The same applies to stipends already in progress.
- Beyond the current measures, the Foundation has developed proposals for new instruments and funding opportunities, such as short-term fellowships, additional bridge fellowships, and a platform that aims to bring together refugees and academic hosts more quickly and in a way that is suitable for the subject.

Further information is available [here](#).

Volkswagen Foundation

Funding for Refugee Scholars and Scientists from Ukraine

- **Aim:** “Since the end of February 2022, the attack of the Russian army on Ukraine has triggered a large number of refugees. Many Ukrainian scientists have already left or will leave their home country. The Volkswagen Foundation wants to support them in temporarily continuing their scientific work in Germany.”
- **Target group:** Ukrainian scientists (doctoral students, postdocs and established scientists from all disciplines) who have already fled to Germany after the Russian invasion of their country or who will arrive in Germany in the coming weeks
- **Funder:** Volkswagen Foundation
- **Duration:** 6 to 12 months
- **Funding:** a monthly stipend of € 1,500 (for doctoral students) or € 2,100 (for researchers with PhD), if applicable a monthly family allowance of up to € 500, as well as a small amount of ongoing material resources for conducting the research. In addition, a one-time grant of up to € 3,000 for setting up a household in Germany

- **Deadline:** continuously open
- **Link:** <https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance/funding-for-refugee-scholars-and-scientists-from-ukraine>

European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO)

A list of life scientists across Europe and beyond offering to host Ukrainian researchers in their labs

“Calling for solidarity with Ukraine and life scientists working there, EMBO is launching a list of scientists across Europe and beyond who are able to offer assistance to scientists forced to leave Ukraine. An example could be the provision of laboratory or office workplaces, accommodation or help in arranging further contacts. If you are in a position to offer any assistance, please consider adding yourself to the list.”

Further information is available [here](#).

German Archaeological Institute (DAI)

“The German Archaeological Institute stands united in its solidarity with the people in Ukraine. We are deeply disturbed by the attack on Ukraine and condemn the violation of international law by the Russian government. We offer our assistance to our Ukrainian colleagues.”

Further information is available [here](#).

The DAI offers the following fellowship programme specifically for at-risk researchers from Ukraine:

Research Fellowship "Global Archaeology, Sustainable Archaeology and the Archaeology of Sustainability"

- **Aim:** “Under this topic the German Archaeological Institute offers several short-term fellowships for young scholars. With these fellowships, we also want to specifically support at-risk colleagues from Ukraine to conduct research at one of the DAI sites in Germany or abroad, and we expressly welcome their applications.”
- **Target group:** German and foreign researchers holding a degree in the field of archaeology or a closely related discipline; preference for young researchers, i.e. PhD candidates and PostDocs within 4 years after obtaining their PhD
- **Funder:** DAI
- **Duration:** up to 3 months

- **Funding:** € 2.050 for PostDocs and € 1.500 for PreDocs
- **Deadline:** 29. April 2022
- **Link:** <https://www.dainst.org/en/-/research-fellowship-global-archaeology-sustainable-archaeology-and-the-archaeology-of-sustainability-deadline-29-04-2022-?redirect=%2Fkarriere%2Fstipendien%2Ftermine-und-ausschreibungen>

Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF):

IIE Scholar Rescue Fund

- **Aim:** “The Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF) is the only global program that arranges, funds, and supports fellowships for threatened and displaced scholars at partnering higher education institutions worldwide.”
- **Target group:** professors, researchers, and public intellectuals who face threats and cannot continue their work in their home countries
- **Funder:** IIE-SRF
- **Duration:** 9 to 12 months; in most cases, IIE-SRF fellows are eligible to apply for a second and final year of fellowship support
- **Funding:** \$ 25,000, \$ 2,000 to 5,000 relocation allowance
- **Deadline:** continuously open
- **Link:** <https://www.scholarrescuefund.org/>

Science for Ukraine

“#ScienceForUkraine is a community group of volunteer students and research scientists from academic institutions in Europe and around the world. Our mission is to collect and disseminate information about support opportunities at the university, national, and international level for students and researchers directly affected by the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine.”

Further information is available [here](#).