

Centre for Fundamental Rights – Visiting Fellowship

Purpose:

The Visiting Fellowship encourages scholars and practitioners engaged in the field of fundamental rights to visit the Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School to pursue their own work and to interact with School's faculty, researchers and students.

The fellowship is designed for visitors who plan a period of self-directed study to spend time at the Centre to undertake research. It is open to self-funded scholars, practitioners and PhD candidates.

Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in the activities organized by the Centre and are expected to contribute to the collegial research environment. Fellows will be entitled to make use of the Hertie School's research facilities and libraries, and to attend research events open to the university community.

Aims:

- Visiting scholars, practitioners, and PhD candidates will have the opportunity to pursue their research in a supportive and collegial environment.
- The Fellowship will develop and promote research links between the Centre and universities, institutions and practitioners working in the field of fundamental rights.
- Visiting fellows will contribute to a vibrant research and learning environment at the Centre.
- Visiting fellows will contribute to research events and other activities organised by the Centre.

Fellowship Duration and Application Deadline:

Visits at the Centre can be for periods of 3 – 12 months. Application deadlines for Visiting Fellowship at least 3 months in advance are: August 31, January 31 and May 31 on each calendar year.

Funding:

Fellowship at the Centre for Fundamental Rights is non-stipendiary. The Centre does not provide a salary or other payments to Visiting Fellows. Visitors are responsible for all travel, accommodation and living expenses. For funding opportunities see:

- [Mercator Fellowship Program](#)
- [Research Stipends, Fritz Thyssen Foundation](#)
- [Support of projects by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation](#)
- [Research Stay for University Academics, DAAD](#)
- [Research Grant, German Research Foundation \(DFG\)](#)

Provision of Resources:

For the period of their visit, Visiting Fellows will receive:

- Access to the Hertie School's library and all other Library Services
- A University email address
- Access to printer and WiFi,
- Permission to attend Colloquia and other research events organised by the Faculty and the Centre (by arrangement with Centre Manager);
- The visitor's email address will be added to Hertie School mailing lists, so that she is notified of any Faculty events that may be of interest or relevance;
- Visitors will be listed on the Visiting Fellows' section of the Centre website. Relevant research work will be showcased on the Centre's website.
- Termly sponsorship meetings to underpin and support your links with the Centre.
- Depending on availability, fellows will have a desk space in the Centre for Fundamental Rights.

Sponsor:

Before applying for a Visiting Fellowship, applicants are asked to secure a sponsor who will support their visit at the Centre. Sponsor should be an academic member of the Centre.

Applicants are kindly asked to contact their chosen sponsor with a brief description of their work, the reason and dates of their proposed visit, along with a request that they act as sponsor. Please apply for a Visiting Fellowship after receiving the support of a sponsor by completing the application form.

Identifying a suitable sponsor does not guarantee that the success of applications.

Please note that the role of the sponsor is not to provide mentorship or supervision but rather to support for forging links between the Visiting Fellow and the Centre.

Application Procedure:

After receiving the support of a sponsor, please download and complete the application form and send to: fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org

Please mark the subject of the email 'Visiting Fellowship application'.

The form should be accompanied by the following documents:

- a full CV or resume, including a list of publications
- a research outline (max. 2 pages)
- PhD candidates should also enclose a letter of support from their PhD supervisor

Selection Process:

Applications for Visiting Fellowship at the Centre for Fundamental Rights will be considered based on a range of considerations including: scholarly merit, practical value, relevance of the planned research to the key research themes of the Centre as well as expected contributions of the fellow to the Centre's research activities.

Successful applicants will ordinarily be required to demonstrate that they have the necessary funds to cover the costs of their visit.

Notification:

Applications will be considered within one month after the application deadline.

Successful applicants will receive a written confirmation of acceptance no later than 6 weeks after the application deadline.

Before and During your Visit:

Prior to arrival, Visiting Fellows will be asked to provide the Centre with a short biography, digital photo and an overview of their research. This information will be posted on the Visiting Fellows' section of the Centre website and can be amended upon request.

Visiting Fellows will be asked to present their work once a term in one of the research events organised by the Centre. If there is a particular Institute project that is of relevance to the work of a Visiting Fellow, she may be asked to participate at project meetings or other project related events.

Visiting Fellows are invited to bring laptops for their own use at the Centre. All laptops must have suitable and up-to-date anti-virus software. We may ask to check this on arrival.