

Leibniz ScienceCampus

Eastern Europe – Global Area (EEGA)

Call for Applications: Postdoc Grants for Scholars from Belarus

Deadline for submissions: 1 December 2020

Start of funding: starting from 1 January 2021

Funding period: min. 1 month to max. 3 months

Call for Applications:

We invite scholars from institutions of higher education and research in Belarus for applications for a research period with the Leibniz ScienceCampus “Eastern Europe – Global Area” (EEGA) in Leipzig, Halle or Jena. The stay may serve the preparation of an application for more extended funding by a national or international science foundation active in the field, or a joint publication. Applications must be related institutionally to one of the EEGA partner institutions (ideally through previous personal cooperations or existing agreements) and topically to the research focus of one or more of EEGA’s research areas. EEGA does not fund individual research projects unrelated to EEGA activities. The duration of the stay relates to the scope and type of the application or joint publication envisaged. It may not exceed 3 months. Funding can start between 1 January 2021 and 1 February 2021.

The Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA observes with great concern the current developments at universities and other scientific institutions in Belarus. As a network of institutions dealing with Eastern Europe, EEGA supports institutionalised free and open academic teaching, research and debate culture in Belarus and elsewhere under the leadership of Belarusian academics. We declare our solidarity with all students, professors and other academics as well as the entire scientific staff of universities and independent research institutions whose freedom is currently under threat and aim to promote scholarly exchange during a fellowship at academic institutions in Leipzig, Halle and Jena.

The Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA:

The Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA is committed to developing new research perspectives on Eastern Europe, engaging in knowledge exchange on the region with stakeholders, and promoting young researchers. It follows the idea that the multi-disciplinary and multi-faceted examination of processes of globalisation are a key to a better understanding of actual societal developments. The focus is on Eastern Europe’s diverse, tension-filled, and sometimes

paradoxical globalisation projects “from within” and “from the outside”, and thus on the self-positioning of Eastern European societies under the global condition.

EEGA brings together interdisciplinary knowledge and expertise from researchers affiliated with both universities and research institutions in Leipzig, Jena and Halle. Together with partners from the region, EEGA explores the fields of migration and mobilities; business strategies and political economies; cultural and intellectual perspectives and identities; and political integration in a changing global arena. Overcoming prejudices and clichés, some of which are rooted in the era of the Cold War, and promoting an informed understanding of Eastern Europe in its diverse traditions and positions, developments and (internal) dynamics, are the primary mission.

EEGA’s five research areas are:

	Coordination
Mobilities and Migration Regimes in Eastern Europe under the Global Condition	Jonathan Everts (MLU)
	Steffi Marung (UL)
	Wladimir Sgibnev (IfL)
Self-Positioning of Eastern Europe in a New World Order	Frank Hadler (GWZO)
	Marek Mikuš (MPI)
	Lela Rekhviashvili (IfL)
Economic and Regional Development under the Global Condition	Sebastian Henn (FSU)
	Nadir Kinossian (IfL)
	Lena Kuhn (IAMO)
	Uwe Müller (GWZO)
Cultures of Internationalism and Internationalism of Cultures	Stefan Keym (UL)
	Yvonne Kleinmann (MLU)
	Katja Naumann (GWZO)
Populist Movements and Regimes in Eastern Europe	Holger Lengfeld (UL)
	Gert Pickel (UL)
	Alexander Yendell (UL)

Preparatory contact with the respective research area coordinators is advised. For contact details see: www.leibniz-eeга.de.

Commitment:

Scholarship holders are asked to conceptualise a funding application for submission at a national or international science foundation active in the field, or to discuss and develop a manuscript for a joint publication. Successful applicants commit to publish first results of the research done at EEGA in the cooperating e-journal “Connections” (<http://www.connections.clio-online.net/>) in form of a scientific interview or working paper. Postdoc Fellows are kindly invited to present their research focus/project at internal colloquia of the partner institution(s) or at EEGA main events. Fellows will have to reside in the Leipzig–Halle–Jena region during their fellowship.

Support:

The Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA supports successful applicants substantially by integrating them into the activities of the partner institutions, as well as financially in form of individual scholarships (based on the current research fellowships rates of the German Research Foundation (DFG)). Fellowships cover the recipients' costs of living in the Leipzig–Halle–Jena region, including travel costs and expenses for research and networking activities during the stay. Scholarships may not be used to supplement grants from other funding organisations or income from employment.

The call for Postdoc fellowships at EEGA is explicitly aimed at academics from universities and research institutions in Belarus, since scholarly exchange and the initiation of joint projects and publications with these colleagues is currently facing particular challenges.

Applications must include:

1. EEGA Application Form
(Download: <https://www.leibniz-eeга.de/programmes/call-for-applications/>)
2. CV (incl. Publication List)

Please submit your application as one PDF (max. 18 pages, 10 MB) to leibniz-eeга@leibniz-ifl.de and consider the notes for the specific funding measures the EEGA provides.

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