**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

**BACKGROUND**

The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) was founded in 2009 as an institute for inter- and transdisciplinary research on sustainability topics. The University of Potsdam is one of the founding members and continues to be a member of the IASS General Assembly. The IASS is financed by the Federal State of Brandenburg and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Over the years, the university and the IASS have cooperated on many different projects and have also established several joint professorships. The IASS Fellow Programme is the key to the institute’s work. Each year, up to 30 individuals from around the world participate in the institute’s Fellow Programme for a maximum of one year. During their stay, fellows work with each other and with IASS researchers, providing expertise, inspiration, and creative input. In return, the IASS offers fellows the opportunity to develop their ideas in an international community of eminent researchers, not only within the institute, but also in the wider Potsdam-Berlin area. In keeping with the institute’s transdisciplinary approach to research, fellows are encouraged to engage with stakeholders from all areas of society. Over the past decade, more than 250 fellows from 50 countries have completed a fellowship at the IASS in Potsdam. The IASS particularly welcome proposals that envisage active collaboration with IASS researchers and aim to achieve joint outputs with one or more of the institute’s research groups.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Fellowships are open to individuals at all career stages and may be combined with sabbaticals. The IASS strongly encourages experts with a strong interest in sustainability and societal transformation to apply for this programme.
- Applicants from the scientific community are expected to generally have completed a PhD or similar level of experience before the actual Fellowship begins. For those outside academia, several years’ work experience in a given field is a requirement.

**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:**

- Proposals should be related to one of the following research area of the IASS:
  - Perception, values, orientation
  - Democratic transformations
  - Governance for the environment and society
  - Systemic interdependencies: technology, nature, society
  - Energy systems and societal change
  - Forums: science, policy and society
- Fellows will receive financial compensation to cover their additional costs of living during their stay in Germany. The exact amount will depend on the particular situation of the successful applicant (e.g. whether they are on paid or unpaid leave) and will be decided on an individual basis. On request, the IASS can also provide limited resources to cover travel expenses, publication fees, support for organising workshops, production costs for artistic work, etc.
• Applicants are encouraged to contact the coordinator of the Fellow Unit and to consult directly with researchers at the IASS while developing their project idea.

• The minimum duration of fellowships is three months, and the maximum duration is twelve months.

• Fellows are expected to be physically present at the IASS during their stay and actively contribute to the work of the institute, for example by holding seminars and participating in other IASS activities.

• Fellows are permitted to interrupt their fellowship and may even divide it into several stages. However, fellowships in this cohort have to be concluded by 30 June 2022.

• Applications will undergo a formal review process overseen by the Fellow Unit. This will include an internal review by IASS research group leaders, as well as an external review of the short-listed top candidates. The final decision will be made by the Board of Directors in late autumn 2020

HOW TO APPLY

• Applications can be submitted online.

• The following documents will be required:
  - Motivation letter
  - CV (must not exceed 3 pages)
  - Proposal (not longer than 5 pages)

• All documents should be collated into a single PDF file and not exceed 10MB

Application guidelines can be found here.

Please note that if funding is awarded, a 15% UP recovery is applicable and should be budgeted for by the applicant.

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents, that you have submitted online to the Faculty Research Office – natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za.

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23rd August 2020

CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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