

Call for Applications – Pre-doctoral fellowship in Regensburg for 2023

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The project “A small but fertile field: strengthening Southeast European Studies in Regensburg” (seeFField) was launched in July 2022 with the goal of strengthening Southeast European Studies in Regensburg by integrating and critically examining various forms of knowledge production and transfer in academic as well as non-academic fields. The project collaborates with the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) and other existing and emerging Area Studies initiatives at the University of Regensburg (UR), a cluster that is at the leading edge of Area Studies in Germany. It is supported by Volkswagen Foundation as a part of the programme "Weltwissen – Strukturelle Stärkung Kleiner Fächer" ("Global Knowledge - Structural Strengthening of Small Disciplines").

We are pleased to announce a call for applications for our 2022/2023 pre-doctoral fellowship to start on 1 April 2023, with a maximum duration of 6 months. It is expected that within this funding period, and under the guidance of an academic supervisor, the pre-doc fellow will write a doctoral project that fits the seeFField profile (please visit: <https://seeFField.app.uni-regensburg.de/>), in preparation for an application for (external) funding. The key research disciplines are history, social anthropology, and linguistics. The recipient of the pre-doctoral fellowship will receive a monthly allowance of 1.500,00 EUR.

The pre-doctoral fellow will be invited to participate in all seeFField activities and those of our partner institutions in Regensburg. The academic supervisor will normally be recruited from the seeFField Steering Board. The fellow will have access to the excellent library resources that are available in Regensburg. We explicitly encourage applications from candidates in Southeastern Europe. Our programmes are in English, knowledge of German is an advantage.

Requirements

- The applicant has successfully completed a postgraduate degree with excellent results (MA, Magister, German Diploma, State Examination or equivalent degree) in, or related to, one of the fields mentioned above.
- When the MA degree (or equivalent) has yet to be formally awarded, the minimum requirement is that the MA thesis has been submitted.
- An interesting and original (preliminary) idea or proposal for an independent research project within a field of interest to the project (3-4 pages).
- Affinity with interdisciplinary research and openness to entanglements, transnational approaches and spatial perspectives.
- Good knowledge of the languages relevant to the proposed research project.

Application

Please submit your complete application by email **in one PDF file** (5 MB max.) to predoc.see@ur.de stating in the subject line: "Application Predoctoral fellowship". The PDF file should contain:

- A cover letter explaining your motivation to apply (max. 1 page).
- A preliminary outline of a doctoral research topic (3-4 pages, which includes a research question, a statement on the topic's relevance, your own suitability, as well as a short bibliography).
- A brief work plan and schedule (max. 1 page).
- An indication of the discipline(s) and preferred supervisor.
- A Curriculum Vitae.
- Scans of all relevant higher education degree certificates.
- An abstract of the MA thesis (or equivalent) of not more than 300 words.
- In case the MA degree has not yet been awarded, a (tentative) assessment of the MA thesis' quality by the thesis supervisor.
- A list of publications and presentations (if available / applicable).
- The names and contact details of two university lecturers or professors, who are willing to provide a reference.

The deadline for applications is **15 December 2022**.