



3rd MSNZ/UCCSH Cancer Careers Day

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## **Funding options for research abroad- German Cancer Aid (DKH), Leopoldina Fellowships and DFG- Walter Benjamin Program**

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# German Cancer Aid (DKH)- Short term Fellowship:

## What ?

- For short term stays at institutions both in Germany and abroad
- Two weeks to four months
- Not for participation in symposia

What is funded?	Funding sum
Travel within Germany	---
Travel in Europe	500 €
Travel outside of Europe	1000 €
Living expenses	1000€/month or 250 €/week

## Who?

- For both, Medical and Clinician Scientists (PhD students and Postdocs), max 35 yrs of age/max 6 years after PhD

## When ?

- No deadlines- application should be submitted 3-6 months before the planned start (appr. 3 months until decision)

# German Cancer Aid (DKH)- Short term Fellowship:

## How ?

- Informal application as pdf to [foerderung@krebshilfe.de](mailto:foerderung@krebshilfe.de)
- Contact DKH: Dr. Verena Höfer, [hoefer@krebshilfe.de](mailto:hoefer@krebshilfe.de)

## Requirements:

- No cooperations with companies are funded
- Focus on good choice of a suitable partner institution
- Ethical votes or votes for experimental work with animals must be present at the host institution before the application.

## Afterwards:

- Short report (two pages) to German Cancer Aid
- Reporting on : aims (achieved ?), usefulness for applicant, future scientific plans

For further information:

[Short Term Fellowship \(krebshilfe.de\)](http://krebshilfe.de)

# Leopoldina-Scholarship (Akademie der Wissenschaften)

## What ?

The program has four elements:

- Leopoldina postdoc scholarship (abroad; for Austrian and Swiss postdocs in Germany)
- follow-up funding after the expiry of the scholarship (limited to material and travel funding for up to five years)
- returning fellow scholarship (for excellent scholarship holders to re-integrate into the German system)
- mentoring program (qualified mentoring program with members of the Leopoldina Akademie)
- stay at the host institute is possible for one to two years. Recipients are expected to return to their home country at the end of the funding period and implement their newly acquired knowledge and skills there.

What is funded ?	Funding sum
Basic scholarship	1750 € (plus potential Auslandszuschlag, Kaufkraftausgleich and family funding), increase of up to 10% by outstanding achievements possible
Travel costs	To host country and back
Sachmittel (travel costs for conferences, other)	250 €/month

# Leopoldina-Scholarship (Akademie der Wissenschaften)

## Who ?

- German, Austrian and Swiss Postdocs up to 7 years after the PhD (but also international postdocs who have their center of life in Germany)
- Both MS and CS can apply (natural sciences, medicine, other disciplines covered by the sections of the Akademie)
- 35 fellows at every given time point, appr. 20 new fellows per year, approval rate appr. 20%

## When?

- Anytime, decisions are made 4 x/year, duration until decision appr. 4 months



Leopoldina  
Nationale Akademie  
der Wissenschaften



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# Leopoldina-Scholarship (Akademie der Wissenschaften)

## How?

- Informal proposal, containing motivation & qualification of applicant, explanation of the choice of the hosting institution & project description
- Letters of support from two University professors
- Submitted by a member of the Akademie OR the head of the sending institution OR the applicant him-/herself

## Requirements:

- Excellent research experience so far
- Outstanding host institution
- Best: contact to a current Leopoldina Akademie member before you apply

Outstanding feature: very strong network within the Akademie der Wissenschaften (after the fellowship)

Contact: PD Dr. Andreas Clausing, [andreas.clausing@leopoldina.org](mailto:andreas.clausing@leopoldina.org)



[Leopoldina Fellowship Programme](#)

# DFG: Walter Benjamin Program

## What ?

- Enables researchers in the postdoctoral phase to independently perform a research project in an institution of their choice, abroad or in Germany (not in their home institution)
- Host institution provides support for the project
- Up to two years (in exceptional cases max. 3 years)
- Combination of research periods abroad and in Germany are possible

What is funded ?	Funding sum
Basic allowance & benefits (according to host country, marital status etc.), for abroad: fellowship, for Germany: position or temporary substitute for clinicians)	According to Award calculator (e.g. 1 kid married, to Boston, USA = 5040 €/month) <a href="#">DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - Stipendienrechner</a>
Allowance for project-related costs (travel publication etc.)	General allowance (250 €/month)

## Who ?

- Early Postdoctoral researchers of all disciplines

# DFG: Walter Benjamin Program

## When ?

- Anytime, no deadlines; time until decision: appr. 6-7 months

## How?

- Very formal process which can be found on the DFG website
- Contains proposal data and obligations, project description and various appendices
- Must be submitted via the electronic proposal submission portal [elan.dfg.de](https://elan.dfg.de)

## Requirements/criteria:

- Quality of the project
- Objectives and work programme
- Applicant's qualifications/ motivation and career strategy
- Work and research environment/choice of host institution
- Support by the host institution
- Integration into career-development measures and programs

Contact: [info-researchcareers@dfg.de](mailto:info-researchcareers@dfg.de)

## DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - Walter Benjamin-Programm

Online Info events (also on other funding options, Walter Benjamin Program: 13.12.2022!)):

[https://www.dfg.de/foerderung/wissenschaftliche\\_karriere/veranstaltungen/index.html](https://www.dfg.de/foerderung/wissenschaftliche_karriere/veranstaltungen/index.html)