

Fellowships for the future "Forschungswerkstatt" at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar - Call for applications 2025

In 2025, two interdisciplinary fellowships for early stage academics and artists at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar will be funded, subject to the provision of funds.

1. Objectives

With the establishment of the "Forschungswerkstatt", Bauhaus-Universität Weimar would like to promote particularly innovative research topics and research approaches that are risky in a positive sense and make them visible. The resources provided are intended to facilitate encounters, exchange and cooperation, and to create a place for interlinking scientific questions. Outstanding projects are to intensify the bridging of the faculties, departments and disciplines represented at the university, promote interdisciplinarity and research in teams, and explore new forms of academic practice. In this way, the "Forschungswerkstatt" is to become a joint place of support for excellent early stage academics and artists (doctoral candidates, postdocs¹, academic staff and research-oriented Master students), and thus contribute to sharpening the research profile of the university.

2. Funding amount and funding conditions

Within the framework of the internal "Ziel- und Leistungsvereinbarung" 2021-2025, 100,000 € per year are allocated for the awarding of "Fellowships Forschungswerkstatt".

Funding of up to €40,000 can be applied for per project.

A team of at least two early stage researchers from the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar with different disciplinary backgrounds and a joint research project may apply. Interdisciplinary work across faculties, but also interdisciplinary work within a faculty, is explicitly encouraged. Only academic staff members, doctoral candidates or postdocs may be team leaders.

The planned project may be based on basic research as well as applied research. Projects in the field of artistic research or conceptual model development are addressed, as well as research-experimental projects and implementation or demonstration projects. The planned project is also expected to generate new scientific/creative knowledge between the university's main research areas or disciplines.

Each researcher contributes her/his discipline-specific and methodological expertise. Collaboration in the project opens up new research perspectives, promotes knowledge transfer, and at the same time offers the opportunity to further sharpen the individual research profile.

Within the framework of the fellowship, which will be awarded for a maximum of 12 months, the original research work may be supported exclusively through the organisation of workshops, exhibitions, networking events or other formats of academic exchange, scholarships and the short-term invitation of international guest researchers. In addition, there are opportunities to develop further academic skills and abilities (workshops and offers from the Research Operations Office, the Bauhaus

¹ Based on the "European Framework for Research Careers", eligibility to apply covers the following stages: R1 "First Stages Researcher" (up to the completion of the doctorate) and R2 "Recognised Researcher" (doctorate holders or equivalent who are not yet fully independent; 2 to max. 4 years after the doctorate). R3 "Established Researcher", i.e. researchers who have already developed independence, and R4 „Leading Researchers“, e.g. professorship holders, will not be funded.

Research School, eTeach and other institutions of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar). Projects that receive funding from other public (as well as internal and external) funds for the same purpose during the requested project period are excluded. The funds will be earmarked and allocated to the faculty/host professorship of the team leadership for management.

Detailed information on possible material expenses and scholarships can be found in the FAQ for the annual call for proposals.

Requirements:

- Eligibility for early stage researchers at the University (academic staff/doctoral candidates and postdocs/alumni², Master students)
- Team application consisting of at least two early stage researchers from different disciplines. Individual applications are excluded.
- Nomination of a team leader who will be in charge of the project and who is affiliated with a professorship or institute of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar
- Willingness to present the project to the public (university events, exhibition formats, websites, etc. and such event formats that promote interdisciplinary exchange)
- Willingness to cooperate with other fellowship teams
- Final report

Selection criteria:

- Scientific quality and scientific output as well as originality and relevance of the project
- Promotion of interdisciplinarity, willingness to experiment, and courage for project ideas and new questions beyond disciplinary boundaries
- Promotion of research transfer, knowledge and method transfer
- Contribution to the individual research profile and to one's own scientific or artistic qualification
- Contribution to the visibility of the research conducted at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar and to its research profile
- Feasibility, sustainability and, if applicable, demonstrability of the project
- Compliance with and assurance of good scientific and artistic practice ([MdU 16/2023](#))
- Promotion of the combination of research and teaching (teaching assignments and exclusive teaching formats are excluded from funding)
- Balanced financial plan appropriate to the project (types of costs appropriate to the planned project; budget not exclusively limited to scholarships or material funds)

² Participation of alumni in projects is possible, but no scholarships may be awarded. As a rule, no more than 2 years may elapse between the time of application and the completion of the degree or doctorate.

Application documents (DE/ENG):

- **Cover sheet** with key data of the application (template: "[Fellowship Forschungswerkstatt](#)" under Downloads Forms)
- **Joint motivation letter** from the team on the suitability of the project to the research profile of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, and on the specifics of the planned project (max. 2 pages)
- **Project outline:** Objective, research question, methods, state of research and possible re-search results (max. 10 pages)
- including **time schedule** and **financing plan** (incl. calculatory support for grants and planned material expenses)
- **Attachments:**
 - The team leader's assessment of the project and the persons involved, including justification of the team composition,
 - Expertise or recommendation letter from the team leader's host professorship,
 - Curriculum vitae of all project participants/team members (list max. 5 publications relevant to the project),
 - Degree certificates (Master's/Diploma) or doctoral degree certificates (with distinction/grade) of the project participants (scan),
 - Bibliography and other lists

Awarding procedure:

The selection decision will be made by the Committee for Research and Projects after presentation of the project. There is no legal entitlement to the awarding of a fellowship. Decisions of the committee will not be explained to the applicants due to the absolute confidentiality of the procedure.

The deadlines **for 2025** at a glance:

- Opening of the call for applications: 3 February 2025
- Application deadline: 26 March 2025
- Presentation to the Committee for Research and Projects: 16 April 2025
- Start Fellowship: 1 May 2025

Applications must be submitted digitally as **one** pdf file (max. 10 MB) to the **Research Operations Office** (dezernat.forschung@uni-weimar.de) **by 26 March 2025**.

For further information on how to apply and how to carry out the project, as well as the contact details of the Research Operations Office and the Bauhaus Research School, please see the FAQ document ("[Fellowship Forschungswerkstatt](#)" under Downloads Documents).