

ifk Junior Fellowship Application

General Information

The ifk Junior Fellowships are intended for young Austrian academics doing their dissertations, as well as for non-Austrian doctoral students who are being supervised at an Austrian university. The applicants must be able to demonstrate they have a Master's degree (or equivalent) and need to be inscribed at a university as PhD students the latest at the beginning of their fellowship.

The dissertation proposal should address an interdisciplinary research project with a focus on cultural studies. Academic subjects include the humanities, social sciences and art. A thematic link to the current research foci of the ifk »Situating in the Global« (»Situieren im Globalen«), »Different Work« (»Andere Arbeit«), or »Cultures of Translation« (»Kulturen des Übersetzens«) is not essential, but welcomed. The quality of the applications is decisive. The detailed research foci can be found on our website: ifk.ac.at/research-focus.html

ifk Junior Fellows receive a monthly scholarship of € 2.100. They will be assigned a work place at the ifk along with internet access and the associated IT equipment. It is necessary, in order to receive the scholarship, to maintain a regular presence at the ifk. It is not possible to be otherwise employed whilst receiving the scholarship, unless this is in a minor capacity. Costs for health and social insurance are not covered by the ifk.

The successful applicant has the option to take part in the ifk grant program for studies abroad, planned for the following academic year (free choice of location and university abroad; participation is possible, but not obligatory).

The final candidates for the ifk Junior Fellowship will be chosen on the basis of an interview, which is generally conducted online.

Online Application Process

In order to apply, you must fill in the online application form, that is open when the application process starts (usually end of November), and upload ONE merged PDF (max. 10 MB) containing all application documents with your name as the file name: lastname_firstname.pdf

Application languages are German and/or English. Please note that fluency in German at C2 level is required. The projects can be in either English or German. We do not need any language certificates because the interview will show us whether the ifk Junior Fellowship can be completed without problems.

Required documents which must be contained in your PDF file in the following order:

1. Description of the dissertation proposal (2.000 words maximum) in German or English with your name and title of the project on the first page.

The project description must contain:

- the project goals, particularly the interdisciplinary aspect
- a description of how the project can be placed within the international research context
- a methodical reflection on how the project goals are to be realized

2. A short project bibliography (one page maximum!). This is not the bibliography of your proposal, but should give an impression of your key references.
3. A clear justification of why the dissertation should be carried out at the ifk
4. An up-to-date curriculum vitae with a list of academic publications (if applicable)
5. Copies of the degree certificate

If you have any questions that are not answered in the information sheet, on our website or in the online application form itself, then please contact us by e-mail: fellows@ifk.ac.at or or by telephone: +43 1 504 11 26-2629