

WZB

Berlin Social Science Center

**ISSC**
international social science council**WORLD SOCIAL SCIENCE**
fellows programme

WZB-ISSC Global Fellowship Programme

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2016

Located in the heart of Berlin, the WZB Berlin Social Science Center is one of Europe's largest non-university research institutes. The WZB conducts basic social science research with a focus on problems of modern societies in a globalized world. Around 160 German and international researchers work at the WZB, including sociologists, political scientists, economists, legal scholars and historians. The WZB offers a modern working environment, where both equal opportunities and the compatibility of work and family are highly valued.

The International Social Science Council ([ISSC](#)) is an international organization that works to bring the best social science to bear on the biggest challenges of our time. It does this, for example, by publishing the [World Social Science Report](#) and organizing the [World Social Science Forum](#). With its [World Social Science Fellows](#) programme, the ISSC aims to help build the next generation of social science leaders who can create knowledge for solutions to global challenges. In this programme, talented early career social scientists are brought together at seminars to create new, interdisciplinary perspectives on a global challenge. Following the seminars, World Social Science Fellows are part of a network that is expected to be the start of new, international research collaborations.

The WZB-ISSC Global Fellowship Programme is a co-operation between the WZB and the ISSC. They invite applications for one early career scientist (postdoctoral researcher with no more than 5 years' work experience after their PhD or scientists without a PhD but with an equivalent level of research experience and output) residing and working in a developing country to conduct research for up to six months in 2016 at the WZB. The research project of the Fellow should focus on global societal problems with particular relevance to developing country contexts. Moreover, it should be linked to research conducted at the WZB (<http://www.wzb.eu/en/research>).

Both the WZB and the ISSC strongly encourage female researchers to apply.

Objective

Through their Global Fellowship Programme, the WZB and the ISSC aim to contribute towards building a new generation of outstanding social scientists in developing countries, who are willing and able to contribute to solving current global problems.

The WZB-ISSC Global Fellowship Programme enables an outstanding early career social scientist from a developing country to spend four to six months in 2016 in the exciting and stimulating environment of an exceptional social science research organization in the heart of Germany. Besides allowing the Fellow to focus entirely on a dedicated research project, he/she is invited to participate in the intellectual life at the WZB. The Fellow will also become a member of the network of early career scientists the ISSC is building via its World Social Science Fellows programme.

While in residence, the selected Fellow is required to:

- Conduct a public lecture or an academic seminar at the WZB
- Write or contribute towards an article or discussion paper that will appear in one of the WZB publications

On return to his/her home country, the Fellow is expected to share his/her knowledge with the scientific community there, as well as to contribute to the further development of the local science and education system. This could be achieved, for instance, through teaching Master's or PhD level courses (where appropriate), based on the research done at the WZB.

In addition, the selected Fellow will be encouraged to keep the WZB and ISSC informed of any publications that result from the research stay in Berlin.

The above outcomes will be profiled by the WZB and the ISSC, for example on their websites.

The Fellow will receive:

- a grant for up to six months at a level commensurate with a German postdoctoral researcher,
- a contribution to local accommodation (up to EUR 500 per month),
- Economy roundtrip ticket to and from Berlin,
- Workspace (equipped with PC, Internet and email access, telephone), as well as full library privileges and additional technical services.

Application process

Candidates should submit the following documents:

- A letter of motivation, including the preferred timing of the research stay at the WZB in 2016, as well as an explanation of the difference the stay will make to their personal careers and in their home institutions (maximum 1 page).
- A brief research proposal (including title) for the duration of the residency, as well as a summary of their main research and teaching contributions, indicating how these relate to the research topics at the WZB. Candidates should also address the societal relevance of their research (maximum 1,000 words).
- A curriculum vitae, including information on education, publications, participation in research projects and networks, teaching experience, awards and prizes received and other pertinent experiences. (Note: The majority of the degrees should have been awarded in developing countries).
- 2 letters of recommendation from current or past senior colleagues.
- An indication of their English language proficiency.
- An agreement from their home institution to the research stay in Germany, if selected (applicable only if the candidate is employed during the proposed period of the Fellowship).

Applications should be submitted electronically, preferably in one PDF document, to:

international.affairs@wzb.eu.

The closing date for applications is **October 30, 2015**.

Should you have any questions about the programme, please email international.affairs@wzb.eu.