Call for applications for the WZB International Alumni Fellowship 2017/2018

Dear all,

Thanks to the generosity of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, we are pleased to announce that we are able to provide a further opportunity for research stays abroad: The ***WZB International Alumni Fellowship*** will enable WZB staff to stay at the institutions of the WZB's alumni in the years 2017 and 2018, as well as visits of our international alumni (or their staff) at our institution.

The AvH funding aims to support alumni programs of scientific institutions in order to strengthen their competitive position in terms of recruiting post-docs and senior scholars, establishing international joint projects and forming strategic partnerships between institutions.

The call is open to both *research and research support staff*. Applicants who want to go abroad should be employed by the WZB at the time of application.

We consider every former employee or guest to be an alumnus/alumna of the WZB, as long as they are registered as a member of the WZB Alumni Network. Further information is available from Katrin Schwenk (katrin.schwenk@wzb.eu)

For the years 2017 and 2018, we can provide funding for at least two outgoing and two incoming fellows. Residencies should last no longer than three months and should not begin before April 1, 2017, ending at the latest by December 31, 2018.

Before submitting your application or inviting an international guest, you should arrange an individual consultation with me. I will be happy to support you in finding a suitable alumni institution for your intentions.

* If you wish to go abroad*
Funding includes travel costs for one round trip (in line with the Federal Travel Expenses Act, BRKG), as well as an accommodation allowance of up to 100% of the current rate for the location of the residency. The WZB will also provide an allowance for childcare, where applicable.

In exceptional circumstances (e.g. if applicants are employed on third-party funding or have a part-time contract), the WZB can also fund a full-time salaried position for the duration of the stay.

To apply, please submit a single PDF file in English that contains the following documents:

- Cover letter including requested dates of stay and details of the WZB alumnus and his/her international institution with which you wish to co-operate
- Your curriculum vitae
- Proposal for the project you wish to carry out during the duration of the residency (max. 3 pages). Research support staff should please provide information regarding the planned stay (e.g. motivation, goals, potential co-operation)
- Letter of recommendation/support from head of research unit resp. research support unit (1 page)
- Letter of invitation from the relevant alumnus/a/i (and his/her/their institution)

If you wish to welcome an alumnus/an alumna from abroad
Funding can be provided for the stay of an international alumnus/a (or a staff member of his/her institution) at the usual conditions of visiting fellows at the WZB. The amount of the fellowship is 2,650 EUR per month including a mobility allowance of 500 EUR. Additionally, travel costs for one round trip (economy class) will also be covered by the WZB. The applicant should develop the application together with his/her envisaged host at the WZB. We recommend that you contact the Office for Networking and Development for further advice, should you be planning to submit an application.

To apply, the applicant should submit a single PDF file in English that contains the following obligatory documents:

- Letter of invitation from the relevant head of research (support) unit at the WZB
- Cover letter including requested dates of stay and details of the applicant
- The applicant's curriculum vitae

- Proposal for the planned project which should be carried out during the duration of the residency (max. 3 pages) Research support staff should provide information regarding the planned stay (e.g. motivation, goals, potential co-operation)

Selection criteria
When reviewing applications, particular consideration will be given to the following criteria:
1. Plausibility and quality of the application (coherence of proposal, scope of the application and cost, time management, etc.)
2. Significance of the proposal for the applicant's curriculum vitae (can it be assumed that the proposal will be implemented as planned? Will the proposal make a contribution to the applicant's career as a researcher or as member of the research support staff?)
3. Institutional activities within the WZB (e.g. committee membership, volunteer work)
4. Networking potential and visibility of an ambassador function for the WZB and for Germany as a science location (personal and /or institutional networking plans/abilities)

Please submit your application via email to Katrin Schwenk (alumni@wzb.eu). The deadline for applications is *February 28, 2017.* All applications will be reviewed by a specially convened internal selection committee in March 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Katrin Schwenk