



The **Institute for Advanced Study of Technische Universität München (TUM-IAS)** is part of TUM's institutional strategy to promote top-level research in the Excellence Initiative by the German federal and state governments.

TUM-IAS awards Fellowships to distinguished researchers and gives them the necessary time and financial support to explore new venues, to develop novel research areas and to establish intensive international collaborations.

To attract scholarly talent from around the globe TUM-IAS invites applications for the prestigious

Hans Fischer Fellowship

Target Group: Up to 2 Hans Fischer Fellowships will be awarded to outstanding early-career international scientists who intend to explore innovative, high-risk topics in their research areas together with a TUM research group. Applications are invited in all areas of the TUM research portfolio.

Objective: The Fellowships last 3 years with the expectation that the Fellow will spend a total of at least 9 months at TUM (which can be divided individually into several stays). In this way, TUM-IAS intends to further a lasting and productive connection on an international level.

Funding: Hans Fischer Fellows receive an award of €30,000 plus €50,000 for travel, housing and research-related costs, as well as support for one doctoral candidate at TUM. For Fellows with family responsibilities, the TUM-IAS offers flexible funding (for example for childcare/school fees) and various other kinds of [provisions](#).

Tandem Call: Applications for Hans Fischer and Hans Fischer Senior Fellowships require a tandem application, i.e. each prospective host must nominate two potential Fellows, one of which must be a female scientist.

Regional Fellowship (Latin America): To foster regional diversity, the TUM-IAS will award one of the Hans Fischer or Hans Fischer Senior Fellowships to a candidate from a home institution in any American country, excluding the US and Canada. Candidates for this Fellowship will undergo a separate evaluation, taking into account local evaluation factors. The Fellow will then receive the regular Hans Fischer (Senior) Fellowship benefits.

Conditions:

- Hans Fischer Fellows have to fulfill the mobility requirements of the Marie Curie COFUND program within EU's 7th Framework Program which co-funds the Fellowship, i.e., no more than 12 months of employment in Germany in the 3 years preceding the call's publication date.
- Proposed Fellows have to have completed their doctorate within the last 12 years (allowance can be made for special circumstances, such as parental leave).
- Proposed Fellows have to provide evidence of employment at their home institute for the duration of the Fellowship.

Application: The nominee and the planned TUM host should submit a joint application including the following documents:

- nomination letter by the host, including the facilities provided by the hosting institute,
- CV including a list of major publications (please highlight the 3-5 most important publications),
- a statement of purpose jointly signed by the candidate and the hosting professor, describing how the Fellowship would contribute to the innovation of the scientific or technological environment at TUM, and the specific goals to be achieved. The statement of purpose should also include the following elements:
 - a budget plan,
 - a time plan regarding the candidate's projected periods of stay at TUM,
 - an identification of possible additional (interdisciplinary) collaboration partners both within TUM-IAS and within TUM as well as a short explanation as to why this collaboration would be beneficial,
 - an outline for an international, ideally interdisciplinary workshop/colloquium, to be organized during the active Fellowship period,



- a list of 4-6 international peer-reviewers without any conflict of interest (please see [here](#)), - if applicable, also a list of persons that should be excluded from reviewing the proposal,
- letter of nomination from the Dean of the hosting department or another member of the TUM Extended Board of Management (EHP) or TUM-IAS Board of Trustees,
- the host provides a proposal for the research group (for more details see [the TUM-IAS Nomination Guidelines](#)).

Deadline: Applications are to be submitted via [email](#) to the TUM-IAS office **by October 25, 2017**. In order to ensure a smooth application and evaluation procedure we strongly advise to contact the TUM-IAS management team with the key application data at least one week before the submission deadline.

TUM-IAS explicitly encourages nominations of and applications from women as well as from all others who would bring additional diversity dimensions to the university's research and teaching strategies.

More information on TUM-IAS and the Hans Fischer Fellowship is available on the TUM-IAS [homepage](#).