

Application and selection process

Submission of the documents is only possible through the Senckenberg host. The selection for the positions is highly competitive. The following evaluation criteria are applied:

- Scientific potential to reach the aims of the proposal
- Scientific excellence of the proposed work
- Prospects of developing a follow-up project to acquire additional funds

A selection committee will recommend the most promising applications to the Senckenberg Board of Directors. The awardees will be notified no later than eight weeks after the application deadline.



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Morphological analyses are widely applied in scientific collection work.

Requirements and application process

Applicants must hold a master or doctoral degree in one of the research domains at Senckenberg. Before submitting your application, please identify and contact a host at Senckenberg (www.senckenberg.de/en/institutes) and jointly develop a brief concept on how you will spend your time at Senckenberg.

For further information

of required documents, application and selection process, please visit us at: senckenberg.de/fellowships



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What it is about

Senckenberg offers fellowships ...

... to highly motivated and talented early career scientists (doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers) from the Global South*. Fellowships are offered for a 3-month period (in selected cases up to six months) to establish and/or strengthen collaboration with scientific staff at Senckenberg. Early career scientists residing in Germany are not eligible to apply, independent of their nationality.

Your motivation

Would you like to expand ...

... your expertise and experience in nature research and conservation? Are you highly motivated to put your innovative research ideas into action? Are you keen on working abroad to engage with an interdisciplinary team of scientists dedicated to advancing Earth system science? Or are you looking for unique research facilities that help to address emerging questions for the benefit of nature?

We cordially invite you to apply for a fellowship at Senckenberg, where you will find stimulating working conditions, excellent infrastructure, and open-minded colleagues with a wide range of backgrounds in biodiversity, anthropology, geology, collection-based research, or conservation ecology. The working language at Senckenberg is English.

The Senckenberg Research Institutes support equal opportunities for all genders and place an emphasis on fostering career opportunities for women and under-represented groups. Qualified women and other under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preference.

*https://www.tirol.gv.at/fileadmin/themen/tirol-europa/welt-ins-gleichgewicht/downloads/EZA/Liste_der_Laender_des_Globalen_Suedens.pdf

Senckenberg is an institution of the Leibniz Association that has been exploring the Earth system for over 200 years. Senckenberg investigates the Earth's past, its present state, and develops scenarios for the future. The study of geobiodiversity aims at understanding nature with its almost infinite diversity, so we can use it sustainably and preserve it as a basis of well-being for future generations. With more than 41 million objects, Senckenberg holds one of the world's largest scientific collections. In addition, Senckenberg communicates research results in a variety of ways, especially through its three research museums in Frankfurt, Görlitz, and Dresden. These museums are places of learning and wonder, and they serve as open platforms for democratic dialogue – inclusive, participatory, and international. More information at www.senckenberg.de.

View of the skeletal specimens of the ornithological department and the fish collection at Senckenberg.



About

the fellowship program

Regular application deadlines are 1 March and 1 October each year. We offer fellowship positions to doctoral (1600 €/mo) or postdoctoral scientists (2700 €/mo) for 3 months, in selected cases for up to 6 months. These fellowships are intended as an opportunity to join Senckenberg, to develop and implement original research ideas, interact with staff and students at Senckenberg, and apply for follow-up funding. Senckenberg provides excellent infrastructure through laboratory and field facilities for interdisciplinary research, large-scale experimental facilities as well as long-term research programs. We offer a one-time travel allowance (up to 1200 €) in addition to the fellowship.

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and first contact

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Required documents

- Your CV, including a complete list of publications
- Certificate of your master or doctoral degree
- A motivation letter indicating your research interests and experience (max. 1 page)
- Your ideas for research to be conducted at Senckenberg, outlining your aims and proposed activities (max. 1 page)
- A letter of support by your host(s) at Senckenberg, including appreciation for you and how the proposed work complements the expertise of the host group, and how it provides added value (max. 1 page)
- Optional: recommendation letter(s), if regarded useful by the host.