

# GAIN TIME

## EXCITING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME COLLEGE FOR LIFE SCIENCES AT THE WISSENSCHAFTSKOLLEG ZU BERLIN

Imagine you could take a break from the lab for a short while to make long-term plans for your research.

Life in the lab is paced by tight experiment routines, managerial tasks and sometimes heavy teaching loads.

All this subtracts precious time from thinking and may prevent you from gaining a broader vision on what you study.

A new fellowship at the College for Life Sciences of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin offers junior researchers in the life-sciences a unique opportunity to step back from their routine, reflect on their domain of investigation, as well as formulate daring and unusual ideas, interacting with scientists and intellectuals from the widest possible spectrum of academic fields and traditions.

College for Life Sciences is a unique programme for bright junior life-scientists to grow intellectually and develop in their careers.

# TO THINK!



## What is the Fellowship?

As a Fellow of the College for Life Sciences, you are invited for a residency for a minimum of three to a maximum of six months. The College expects you to work in Berlin for the duration of your fellowship and to integrate fully in the community and life of the Wissenschaftskolleg, such as the weekly internal colloquia as well as common meals.

At the College, you will be free to seek collaborations with other Fellows or members of Berlin's academic and wider cultural reality.

## THE COLLEGE OF LIFE SCIENCES IS A BREAK FROM THE LAB, BUT NOT FROM THE EXCITEMENT OF SCIENCE

## Who is eligible?

The College for Life Sciences welcomes junior researchers from all domains in the life sciences.

By junior we mean post-docs or lecturers, assistant professors and group leaders who have been principal investigators of their own independent lab for less than five years.

For instance, if you are at the end of your post-doc and need to plan your future research as independent group leader, a fellowship at the College for Life Sciences may be ideal for you. If you are in doubt about your eligibility, please get in touch with us.

## Intellectual diversity

An important asset of a fellowship at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin is the chance to be immersed in an intellectually and culturally diverse environment. Each year our institute welcomes internationally recognized as well as promising junior scholars in all fields of knowledge, including the humanities, the social sciences and the arts.

As a Fellow of the College for Life Sciences you will have the opportunity to engage in stimulating conversations as well as initiate collaborations or joint projects.

## A carefree sabbatical

At the College for Life Sciences you will be able to maximize your time for thinking, free of all administrative and teaching obligations. A Fellow Service will provide relocation services as well as support and assistance during your stay to ensure you can concentrate entirely on your work. The library will provide you with the books and research material you need and with electronic access to most scientific journals.

## Berlin life

Besides offering a vibrant intellectual setting, we will do our best to introduce you to Berlin's wider cultural landscape. We will facilitate exchanges with scholars from various academic institutions and encourage your acquaintance with the city's creative milieu. Berlin is currently one of the most dynamic cities in Europe. Its wide-ranging musical offerings and art scene – from world class museums, concert halls, theatres and opera houses to experimental galleries – await you as complements to your research. The nearby Grunewald forest is one of the city's greatest attractions for walking, running and cycling.



## BENEFITS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- the freedom to work on a daring project of your choice without administrative commitments
- a stimulating cultural environment with seminars, discussions, concerts and other social activities
- the possibility to invite guests
- liaisons with Berlin-based academic and cultural institutions
- a full stipend (based on previous salary)
- studio accommodation
- excellent library facilities
- IT services and assistance

For more details please visit: [wiko-berlin.de/cfls](http://wiko-berlin.de/cfls)



## WHAT FORMER LIFE-SCIENTISTS HAVE SAID ABOUT WIKO

I developed two new collaborations, which never would have arisen outside of Wiko's opportunities for long, uninterrupted discussions.

Steven Frank, Fellow 2006/2007

Wiko showed me an intellectual world – in biology and more importantly out of science – that convinced me that I needed out of my rut. (...) by the end of our Wiko year, I had all my graduate student enthusiasm back, and in spades. I now feel high voltage flowing through me.

Andrew Read, Fellow 2006/07

If an early-career academic (...) can write a 700 page account that covers relatively little of his own research, there is still some hope that we can bring the reading and writing of books back into fashion among younger biologists.

Raghavendra Gadagkar, Permanent Fellow

A Wiko Fellowship was the solution to the problem that all interdisciplinary scientists have, and which is accentuated for early career experimentalists: the difficulty in finding time to think, read and write... I came to synthesize my thoughts and research the literature for a new project... it was incredibly valuable to have this wealth of expertise close by and so easy to draw upon.

Iruka Okeke, Fellow 2010/11

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