



Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Call for Focus-Group Proposals

Each year the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin welcomes around 40 internationally recognized scholars of proven merit at all career stages from all fields of knowledge, including the humanities, the social sciences, and the arts. Our goal is to promote a kind of scholarship and science that transcends disciplinary boundaries and goes beyond established issues and approaches. In each class of fellows there are one or two focus groups of up to five researchers who work on a common theme.

For the **academic year 2023/2024 or 2024/2025** the Wissenschaftskolleg invites applications for focus groups.

We are looking for a small team that has identified a common research question and an approach that promises new insights. Each focus group hosts several research projects that relate to a common overarching theme. Up to five Fellows may collaborate under this thematic umbrella. In addition, the groups may invite up to three short-term Fellows for three months each and they may also invite external guests for workshops or other collaborative formats.

There are absolutely no restrictions placed on the range of topics for focus groups. The program does however target projects that require ten months of on-site collaboration in order to complete. The group's disciplinary composition should be based on the substantive requirements of the chosen topic. In the interests of promoting cultural diversity and multidisciplinary conversation at the Kolleg, we particularly invite applications from the natural and technical sciences, and we welcome groups with participants from different academic cultures and countries of origin. We expect the group members to come from different home institutions. Finally, we appreciate groups that are diverse also with respect to gender and age.

In addition to funding the fellowships, the Kolleg offers support in organizing seminars and workshops, establishing scholarly contacts in Berlin, and inviting guests.

Please submit your preliminary applications by **January, 1st, 2022**.

For more details, please refer to the [Submission Instructions](#) and the [FAQ](#). Should you have further questions, you are welcome to contact Dr. Janina Schirmer (janina.schirmer@wiko-berlin.de).