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About JQYA

Acknowledging the role of early career researchers as the driving force of new ideas and concepts, Goethe University has established the **Johanna Quandt Young Academy at Goethe (JQYA)** as the first interdisciplinary academy of the Goethe Research Academy for Early Career Researchers (GRADE). The JQYA provides a platform for intellectual exchange, critical discussion and self-directed professional development.

The *academy program* supports early career researchers in strengthening their interdisciplinary understanding and fostering peer exchange on current developments. It aims to **bring together** a diverse group of young talents and experienced researchers from all conceivable disciplines. Each year, the academy formulates a different *academy topic* to address challenges concerning science and society.

Early career researchers get the opportunity to dedicate their passion to the pursuit of *academic goals*. The benefits include (I) insight into research approaches across disciplines, (II) greater awareness of the integration of individual research into a larger research context, and (III) improved understanding of specific research questions through interdisciplinary debates. *Fellows* gain access to a dynamic environment that may **inspire creative solutions** with far-reaching scientific impact.

Our flexible and tailored support lines facilitate intellectual, interdisciplinary exchange and provide *Fellows* with the **academic freedom** to pursue highly successful academic careers.

Application

Criteria:

Advanced postdocs, independent group leaders, assistant professors (German: Junior- /Qualifikationsprofessur) of Goethe University and partner institutions

Procedure:

Please send your application for the Fellow status in English as one PDF file to info@jqya.de

Application deadline: 15.11.2021

Documents:

- CV
- List of publications and conference participations
- Letter of motivation, addressed to the JQYA directors
- 2 references, at least one of them international
- Explanation of how the requested Fellowship would advance the candidate's career (if applicable)

Evaluation:

Selection of Fellows - up to 10 p.a. - by the JQYA distinguished senior scientists, based on:

- Achievement and impact of the scientific research
- Well-stated link to the academy topic
- Personal motivation to participate in the program

CONNECTIVITY.
NETWORKS. FLOWS.

Call for Fellows

Academy Topic 2021/2022

The Johanna Quandt Young Academy (JQYA) is an independent academy within Goethe University, which supports outstanding scientists at the beginning of their independent careers. The JQYA intends to inspire researchers with already established international reputations to join the academy. It provides freedom for academic research as well as diverse opportunities to develop and contour a unique, independent scientific profile in a global context.

Each year, the JQYA defines a new research topic for the academy program. For 2022, the JQYA has chosen the topic **„Connectivity. Networks. Flows.“** to address current issues in sciences, arts, and humanities. Our new topic opens the door to an interdisciplinary exchange highlighting the following scientific concepts:

- The parameters and elements of connectivity, i.e. the capability of being connective or connected, which is one of the key principles in a wide array of natural, social, and technological systems.
- The structure and function of networks, i.e. systems consisting of many similar parts that are connected to enable movement or circular communication between or along them or with a control centre.
- The emergence and relevance of flows, i.e. the continuous and easy movement, which creates unique trajectories.

Call

We invite applications of all early career researchers from Goethe University, the RMU Alliance, and partner institutions in the „FrankfurtRhine-Main“ region, who are interested in the academy topic **„Connectivity. Networks. Flows.“**, and who would like to join our interdisciplinary debates.

Applications will be accepted until 15.11.2021

Fellow Status

Early career researchers can join the academy as JQYA Fellows by applying for the Fellow status.

Through their participation in the academy program, Fellows shape the inner core of the academy for a period of 3 years. Fellows have access to the Scientific Development support line and are eligible for either a Sabbatical Fellowship or Academy Fellowship.

Academy Programme

The JQYA relies on creative and motivated individuals, as the Fellows enjoy complete freedom in shaping the academy program and initiating lively and fruitful discussions.

- **Three to four study days**
Internal discussions, development of the joint project, compilation of results
- **Scientific tandems**
Joint organization of scientific events
- **Public events**
Organization or participation, e.g. Night of Science, Green Office etc.
- **Lecture series with concluding discussion rounds at the Director's invitation**
Invited speakers: senior scientists from Goethe University and partner institutions
- **Award ceremony on 29 April 2022**
Welcoming new Fellows and Members, result presentation of the joint project
- **Internal workshop**
Developing and defining of the next academy topic
- **Summer School**
Completion of the academic year 2021/2022

Support Lines

Scientific Development line, open to all Fellows:

- Advancement of professional qualification - courses, workshops, participation in external conferences and short research visits with cooperation partners
- Use of the JQYA platform to organize conferences and workshops on subjects related to the current academy topic

We do not allocate a fixed annual budget for each Fellow. Funds are distributed upon request.

Academy Fellowships - up to 6 p.a. - accessible to all Fellows:

- Enforcement of international cooperation and research activities
- Implementation of own research projects

Both within the framework of the academy topic. Earmarked funding up to € 10,000.*

Sabbatical Fellowships - up to 3 p.a. - open for Fellows of Goethe University only:

- Release from teaching obligations for up to one semester
- Freedom for scientific research

The funds cover the costs of teaching replacement and are not passed on to the Fellows. No exemption from duties relating to administrative or departmental management.*

* If you wish to apply for a fellowship, please indicate your motivation in your application for the Fellow status.