



Call for Applications Johann-Lorenz-Bausch-Fellowship 2025, 24 September 2025

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Since 2016, the Leopoldina Akademie Freundeskreis e.V. funds the **Johann-Lorenz-Bausch-Fellowship**, which enables junior scientists to research on-site at the Leopoldina. The fellowship continues and is being reannounced for the year **2026**.

Johann Lorenz Bausch (1605-1665) founded the Academia naturae curiosorum, the Leopoldina, on 1 January 1652 in Schweinfurt together with three other physicians. This makes it the oldest continuously existing academy of medicine and the natural sciences in the world.

The Leopoldina is a classical scholarly society and has 1,700 members from almost all branches of science. In 2008, the Leopoldina was appointed as the German National Academy of Sciences and, in this capacity, was invested with two major objectives: representing the German scientific community internationally and providing policymakers and the public with science-based advice. The Leopoldina presents its policy recommendations in a scientifically qualified, independent, transparent and prospective manner, ever mindful of the standards and consequences of science.

The Leopoldina Centre for Science Studies coordinates this process of reflection and organizes activities concerning historic, theoretical and philosophical approaches in the field of science studies.

Target group of the fellowship and possible topics

The fellowship is aimed at young scientists (doctoral candidates and postdocs, up to six years after completing their doctorate) who work academically in the field of the history of science in a narrower or wider sense and fit into the Leopoldina Centre for Science Studies' portfolio of projects and activities.

This announcement is not restricted to specific disciplines or methodical approaches.

The project to be worked on during the research stay must be related to the rich holdings of the Leopoldina library and archive and fit into or meaningfully complement the thematic portfolio of the Centre for Science Studies. At the same time, extensive holdings in the relevant local and regional libraries and archives are available during the research stay.

You can find a list of the research subjects currently being pursued at the Leopoldina Centre of Science Studies here: www.leopoldina.org/zfw

Other subjects that deal with history of science, the academy's history, its publications and its members' works and contributions are also possible though.

Services and funding

The grant can be awarded for a period of up to four months and amounts to €2,000 a month for doctoral students and to €2,500 for postdocs. Travel expenses for fellows arriving from abroad will be subsidized additionally.

The Leopoldina Centre for Science Studies assists fellows logistically. It provides the necessary working environment for the fellows' work and facilitates exchange with other ongoing research projects and Leopoldina members.

Application requirements

A full application includes the following documents:

- Project description (max. 2 DIN A4 pages) with detailed description of the work to be carried out at the Leopoldina in Halle
- Academic curriculum vitae
- List of publications, if applicable

Application deadline and process

Please send your application with the enclosed documents mentioned above to the following address by **12 December 2025**: lfzw@leopoldina.org

An academic selection committee will shortlist the candidates soon after the application deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Interim Head of Department of the Leopoldina Centre for Science Studies Ronja Steffensky, if you have any questions: ronja.steffensky@leopoldina.org