Research Programme “Culture and Foreign Policy”

Call for proposals

ifa’s Research Programme “Culture and Foreign Policy” provides experts with an opportunity to study current topics related to Germany’s foreign cultural and educational policy and to work at the interface between theory and practice. Research projects normally last three to six months. During this period, the experts involved in the project provide actors in the area of international cultural relations with clear, concise summaries of the latest academic findings. They formulate recommendations for future external policy strategies, initiate expert dialogue and organise discussion forums and events.

ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen) invites proposals for the following research project:

Biennials as Gauges

Biennials are an opportunity to show contemporary art beyond the art market and museum, to create places for interaction and to reflect on global art and cultural discourse. They can be a field of experimentation for the latest artistic developments, provide access to art for local people, offer opportunities for public debate.

Under what conditions can they best develop this potential? What effects do funding and the organisational form have on the Biennials’ content? How and where is this format promoted in other countries? In which regions and in which sectors would further support be appropriate within the framework of foreign cultural and educational policy? Where in particular are there opportunities for increased international, and especially European, cooperation? How would this be best supported?

Format: study, workshop
Start: September 2020
Location: flexible
Fee: 9,000 € (gross)
Application deadline: 21 August 2020

Please e-mail all your application documents (maximum attachment size 3 MB) by 21 August 2020 to: research@ifa.de
The selection interviews will be held during the week commencing 24 August 2020.

For more information on ifa’s Research Programme, visit:
https://www.ifa.de/en/research/research-programme-culture-and-foreign-policy/
The following application requirements and procedures apply to all projects:

**Application requirements**
- Postgraduate degree (minimum M.A.)
- Proven experience and sound knowledge of the topic of the particular project and of foreign cultural and educational policy
- For projects with an event format: proven experience in event organisation
- For projects involving publication: very good, proven knowledge of editorial work and academic publications
- Good knowledge of English and the language required for the particular project

**Application procedures**
Please attach the following documents to your application for the Culture and Foreign Policy Research Programme:

1. Letter of motivation (including address, e-mail, phone/fax/mobile numbers)
2. Description of project:
   - Title and topic
   - Short description of the topic’s relevance and gaps in existing research
   - Brief outline of project plan (max. 2 pages)
   - Provisional work plan
   - Work plan or schedule showing that the project is feasible within the funding period
   - Indication of relevant sources and methods
3. Your CV.