

**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) and the Goethe-Institut founded the Martin Roth-Initiative as a joint project to enable temporary protective relocation and work stays in Germany as well as in safe third countries for artists and civil-society actors at risk.

To contribute to the structural and content related enhancement of existing programmes, one field of activity of the Martin Roth-Initiative is dedicated to accompanying research, the results of which are published on a regular basis. Together with the Goethe-Institut and the Martin Roth-Initiative, the ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen) invites for proposals for a research project, subject to approval of funds, under the following topic:

### **Shelter programmes and the impact on the home community**

Human rights defenders and artists who work in their home country to freedom of expression, freedom of the arts, democracy or human rights, are always part of a local community, in a living environment, a work environment and in a social context. This community can be small or big, comprising family, friends, networks and NGOs. Most activists at risk, who have been accepted by a protection programme, would like to return to their home country if possible. The local community is an important part for the life and work of the actors as well as for safe return. The community itself is also part of change and adjustment.

With the aid of this research project, the Martin Roth-Initiative would like to gain insights into the subjects listed below, thereby providing suggestions and further impetus for improving the requirements and prospects of Relocation Programmes and their participants.

Key questions are:

How can the impact of the return of a participant from a shelter program to the home community be measured? Which efficient models could be promoted in order to support and strengthen the home community? What role do networking, cooperation, partners and the NGO community play? What practical recommendations can contribute to the work of the home community? What are the experiences and what are the perspectives?

Apart from identifying best-practice examples and recommendations, the study should also point out the challenges and requirements for further research. It can compare various programmes/approaches and/or how far existing programmes/approaches respond to the demands for relocation in different regions.

Furthermore, the study should provide essential conceptual impulses for a planned workshop, where first interim results are to be presented to and discussed with members of the Martin Roth-Initiative and other initiatives.

**Format:** Study will be published, participation in the above mentioned workshop (presentation of interim results)

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 4 months

**Begin:** 9 August 2019

**Workplace:** flexible

**Remuneration:** 6,000 € (gross)

**Application deadline:** 12 July 2019

Please send your complete application (as a file attachment with no more than 3 MB) by e-mail no later than **12 July 2019** to: [research@ifa.de](mailto:research@ifa.de)

Selection interviews are expected to take place in CW 31

For more information on ifa's research programme, visit: <https://www.ifa.de>

Further information on the Goethe-Institute can be found at: [www.goethe.de](http://www.goethe.de)

The website of the Martin Roth-Initiative will be launched soon at: [www.martin-roth-initiative.de](http://www.martin-roth-initiative.de)

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
- The research grants on offer are full-time grants. Candidates who are awarded a grant are not allowed to take on other employment during the period of the research project. This does not apply to research contracts.

#### **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