

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, ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen) invites for proposals for a research project, subject to approval of funds, under the following topic:

Shelter programmes and safe return

Safe return to their home countries is a key question to participants as well as managers of *Shelter and Relocation Programmes*. These programmes are one response to contribute to the safety and well-being of individuals who work in their home countries to freedom of expression, freedom of the arts, democracy or human rights and thus support to preserve and strengthen pre-political spaces. These spaces are shrinking worldwide (“shrinking spaces”) and the human rights defenders and artists are increasingly vulnerable. Temporary protective relocation for those affected can, therefore, be regarded as a contribution to the maintenance and support of creative and critical spaces and civil-society initiatives.

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:

What possibilities are there for these programmes to support their participants so that after their return they will be able to continue their activities and get involved again in their community? Which key topics as well as practical solutions and mechanisms should be included by shelter programmes from the beginning for the planning of a safe return? Which subsequent follow-up care can be provided upon return (including networking, also peer-to-peer and support networks)? When shelter needs are longer, as a safe return is not yet feasible, how can shelter programmes support the participants in such a case?

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

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

The website of the Martin Roth-Initiative will be launched soon at: 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