

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:

### **Exchange of information between existing *Shelter and Relocation Programmes***

*Shelter and relocation programmes* are a response to the loss of pre-political spaces. The main focus of these programmes is on civil society actors working in their homeland on freedom of expression, freedom of the arts, democracy or human rights. A temporary protection stay should protect and strengthen endangered actors. If possible, they should also be given the opportunity to continue their work.

*Shelter and relocation programmes* do not act on a standalone island, but are networking projects and work together. It needs to be continually questioned on which basis cooperation and information exchange takes place and is possible. Safety is a top priority for all parties, both for organisers and for participants. Further important aspects are questions about data protection and trust.

With the aid of this research project, the Martin Roth-Initiative would like to gain insights into the subjects listed below and thus provide suggestions and impulses for improving the requirements and prospects of *shelter and relocation programmes* and their participants.

Based on selected exploratory interviews the following questions and topics should be examined:

- Under what conditions is cooperation between existing *shelter and relocation programmes* possible? Questions of data protection, different security standards, trust and capacities are to be examined here. Which questions require further agreements and special procedures?
- Specific issues, such as referral systems that enable existing programmes to refer cases from one to another, exchanges for the verification of applicants, assessment of the vulnerability, what support is possible on return or if this is not possible should be an integral part of the Short Study.
- Which organisations are particularly suitable for cooperation? Are there differences in the regions? What different approaches are there? Should alternative forms of cooperation be established?

The first publication in a series of publications of the Martin Roth-Initiative “Temporary Shelter and Relocation Initiatives: Perspectives of Participants and Managers” [<https://www.martin-roth-initiative.de/en> see: Publication] gives many insights and illuminates different facets of *shelter and relocation programmes*. The Short Study tendered should deepen and supplement the previous study with the above-mentioned questions.

Furthermore, the Short Study should provide essential conceptual impulses for a planned workshop on 7 November 2019, where first interim results are to be presented to and discussed with members of the Martin Roth-Initiative and other initiatives. Preparation and participation are mandatory.

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

**Duration:** 3 months

**Begin:** September 2019

**Workplace:** flexible

**Remuneration:** 4,500 € (gross)

**Application deadline:** 15 September 2019

Please send your complete application (as a file attachment with no more than 3 MB) by e-mail no later than **15 September 2019** to: [research@ifa.de](mailto:research@ifa.de)

Selection interviews are expected to take place in CW 38

Further information on the Martin Roth-Initiative: [www.martin-roth-initiative.de](http://www.martin-roth-initiative.de)

Further information on ifa can be found at: [www.ifa.de](http://www.ifa.de)

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

The following application requirements and procedures apply to all projects:

### **Application requirements**

- Postgraduate degree (minimum M.A.)
- Proven experience and sound knowledge in the field of protection, shelter and residency programs for civil society actors as well as art and cultural workers
- Knowledge of the work, organizational logic and structures of civil society organisations working in their home country on freedom of expression, freedom of the arts, democracy or human rights
- For projects with an event format: proven experience in event organisation
- Very good, proven knowledge of editorial work and academic publications (practice-oriented research)
- Very good knowledge of written and spoken English
- Knowledge of further languages (especially French, Spanish, Russian or Arabic) is an advantage
- 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