



Interdisziplinäres Forschungszentrum Ostseeraum

Interdisciplinary Centre for
Baltic Sea Region Research

The IFZO-Research Fellowship

Application deadline: **25 November 2024**

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research (IFZO) is pleased to award two fellowships to support significant research about transformations in the Baltic Sea region and related topics that would benefit from a period of residence at the Centre and access to its resources. From 2021 until 2026, the research programme focuses on “Fragmented Transformations. Perceptions, Constructions, and Orders of a Changing Region”. The fellowships are designed for scholars at doctoral and postdoctoral level.

The IFZO research project “Fragmented Transformations” accommodates seven research groups on *Cultural Heritage, Energy, Security and International Relations, Regional Development and Rural Areas, New Nationalism, Sustainability and Regional Land Use Patterns.* We invite applications from scholars who are willing to contribute to the above mentioned research programme and like to engage in an interdisciplinary discourse with researchers in Greifswald and the entire Baltic Sea region.

Participating disciplines include history, literary studies, Baltic, Slavonic, Scandinavian and Finnish philologies, art history, socio-linguistics, musicology, geography, economics, political science, law, sustainability studies, and international relations. In an interdisciplinary approach, researchers at all levels of their academic careers jointly investigate current transformation processes, their impact on regional structures as well as the impact of regionality on these processes. The fragmentation of transformation processes is researched through cultural, social, economic, legal and political lenses. We welcome applications by scholars who work either on case studies with strong connection to the Baltic Sea region or follow a conceptual approach that contributes to the overall programme of the centre.

Benefits of Becoming an IFZO-Fellow

A fellowship at the IFZO not only provides time to research and access to library/research facilities but also an extensive network of people and institutions. From onboarding meetings with colleagues, to active involvement in workshops, and to presentations by fellows and

staff alike, fellows participate in an intimate environment designed to create the most fruitful research experience possible. The fellowship may serve as a starting point for collaborative project development, publications and can also provide a basis for project applications to relevant funding institutions.

Fellowship Duration and Stipend

In addition, fellows receive a monthly stipend of 1,750.00 EUR. Individual awards range from three to six consecutive months of residency. A minimum of three consecutive months is required. Fellows may not hold an IFZO-fellowship concurrently with other funded fellowships. The IFZO is also able to provide visa assistance to fellows and their dependants, if necessary. Fellows are responsible for securing their own housing accommodations and health insurance. We do not provide support allowances for accompanying family members.

Application Materials and Guidelines

The competition is currently open and will close on **25 November 2024**.

Awards are granted on a competitive basis. Successful project proposals should highlight the benefits for both sides, the scholar and the centre. Together with a max. 5-page project proposal applicants should mention a preferred IFZO-Fragmented-Transformation research group to cooperate with.

Immediate postdocs and faculty between appointments will also be considered. Applicants who have received a fellowship award from the IFZO in previous cycles may not re-apply.

All applications must be submitted in English in one pdf-file to the email address below. Applicants will be notified of the outcomes latest by **15 January 2025**. Fellowships may begin in **April 2025**. All applications must consist of the following:

- A project proposal, not to exceed five single-spaced pages
- A curriculum vitae summary, not to exceed four single-spaced pages
- Two signed letters of recommendation that speak to the significance of the proposed project and the applicant's ability to carry it out. Only two letters will be considered. Letters of recommendation must be received by the deadline and come directly from the references, not from the applicant.

Please note the deadline for all materials, **25 November 2024**.

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