



Special Programme Forced Migration

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RESEARCH PROJECTS FROM WHICH FIELDS OF STUDY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT?

1. Forced-migration infrastructures
2. South-South (im)mobilities
3. Multiple displacements
4. Displaced people's agency
5. (Supra-)state influences on displacement processes

Call for Applications

Forced migration and the treatment of refugees and other displaced people currently find themselves at the center of many political, social, and academic debates. Yet forced migration is neither limited to certain regions nor to present-day developments. It is, indeed, a global phenomenon that has shaped humankind since time immemorial. Risks such as violent conflicts and wars, persecution, discrimination, poverty, as well as changes in climate and environment can all prompt people to leave their places of origin.

While forced migration has been a subject of research in Anglo-Saxon scholarship since the 1980s, the attention paid thereto has recently seen significant increase in a number of specific European academic landscapes. African, Asian, Australian, and Latin American research has also seen a proliferation of such inquiries. Thus far, however, the approaches taken have been fragmented and there remain various thematic gaps, methodological

deficits, and limited broader geographic connections. Hence there is a need to strengthen this core research and further expand the horizons of the interdisciplinary field of Forced Migration Studies going forward.

For the Gerda Henkel Foundation this marks an opportunity to commence its special programme on “Forced migration” and therewith build on the promising approaches and developments of global research but also respond to the existing desiderata in related scholarship. The special programme aims to support, in particular, internationally oriented, multidimensional research projects on forced migration that address questions receiving insufficient attention in the relevant debates thus far. This also involves further linking theoretical core research with concepts vital to social, humanitarian, and political praxis.

The Foundation welcomes research projects that adopt multidisciplinary approaches within this framework. Engaging in comparisons across regions and time periods should also be a priority here. Projects that incorporate intersectional perspectives and issues are highly desirable too. Depending on the research approach taken and possibilities at hand, cooperation with local knowledge-producers (researchers as well as civil society actors), or people affected by displacement within countries of origin or asylum (particularly in the “Global South”), is strongly encouraged.

The Foundation expects applicants to reflect on the ethical implications of their work, and also to develop plans to disseminate research results—including finding meaningful ways to address social, humanitarian, and/or political actors, as well as the nonspecialist public media and populace at large.

The special programme is aimed at researchers across a number of disciplines: Humanities, Social Sciences, Cultural Studies, Law, and Economics. Funding for research scholarships and for the implementation of research projects is offered. PhD scholarships are only granted in tandem with a specific research project.

The Foundation's Board of Trustees decides on the applications on the basis of recommendation by an International Advisory Committee.

International Advisory Committee

Prof. Dr. Andreas Eckert | Berlin (*Office rests until further notice.*)

Prof. Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury | Copenhagen

Prof. Dr. Maja Janmyr | Oslo

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Krause | Osnabrueck

Prof. Dr. Naohiko Omata | Oxford

Topic Focuses

The research projects should be linked to one or more of the following five core areas of research:

1) Forced-migration infrastructures

The first thematic area places focus on examining conditions (e.g. actors, institutions, structures) that can encourage, restrain, or otherwise influence forced migration. Possible topics include analysis of the meanings of historical or present-day events and of decision-making processes culminating in leaving one's place of origin and undertaking journeys to certain specific destinations; the ways in which people take flight upon themselves; the routes and means of transport they use; how they acquire the necessary knowledge for planning and enactment; and, the roles networks or technological equipment play. Another subject of inquiry might be investigating what structures of assistance or care

exist for and are created by displaced people in the process of flight and arrival, and how social dynamics among and between these individuals and host societies emerge and evolve.

2) South-South (im)mobilities

The second thematic area places emphasis on research into motives, scopes, forms, and implications of mobilities and immobilities, or mobilizations and immobilizations, within and between southern states. Future studies could address, among other things, issues of rejection, reception, and integration vis-à-vis displaced people, as related to diverse actors; (im)mobilities at different moments in the displacement process, including prevented movements and involuntary immobilities; and, the roles of networks and relationships in intraregional arrival locations. Prospective scholarship could also tackle alternative, non-state integration structures such as the integration of displaced people in local communities, related motives, further to associated social, economic, cultural, and/or political mechanisms as well as consequences.

3) Multiple displacements

The third thematic area goes beyond simplified understandings of monocausal, linear displacements from one place of origin to one place of asylum, approaching forced migration from a process-oriented perspective instead. This is because the conditions for forced migration not only frequently involve temporary stays in certain places, but there may also be nonpermanent temporary return migrations and recurring displacements. Possible studies could, for example, examine the motives behind and triggers of these dynamics as well as the displacement processes and underlying intentions of those affected. Questions of structural and physical insecurities, the effects of multiple displacements on social systems such as families, or developments and chains of recurrent adaptation are also worthy of further investigation.

4) Displaced people's agency

The fourth thematic area concentrates on research into agency of the displaced. While those affected by forced migration are sometimes portrayed in humanitarian and political discourses as passive victims or even as threats to state security, displaced people's own perceptions and practices must receive adequate attention too. Possible studies could, for example, address the links between the vulnerabilities and agency of displaced people, examine the latter as political or legal subjects given their numerous individual and collective decision-making strategies and courses of action throughout the entire process of displacement, and explore motives and aspirations in movement as well as resilience.

5) (Supra-)state influences on displacement processes

The fifth and final thematic area looks at the intimate connections between displacement and statehood. Even though eroded statehood often precedes displacement, it is by no means sufficient to focus primarily and exclusively on state dysfunction. Processes of forced migration are always influenced by state policies, be they repression, restrictive border regimes, or various forms of cooperation and confrontation between different states. Prospective projects could, for example, explore the role of nation-states and supranational organizations in causing, preventing, and shaping movements of the displaced. Here, scrutinizing indirect factors such as economic relations or clientelism, the influence of international, regional, and/or domestic law, or even the spatial dimension of mobility processes ("scale") would be extremely valuable.

Prerequisites

The Foundation generally accepts applications for the funding of research projects by universities, other research institutes or comparable institutions, as well as by one or several postdocs or by scholars holding the postdoctoral-lecturing qualification (Habilitation). Depending on the type of project pursued, funding would cover associated costs for personnel, travel, acquiring relevant materials, and/or other necessary expenses. Doctoral students are not eligible to apply for funding independently.

Applicants must be actively involved in the research work underpinning the project. Project staff will only be financed by way of PhD or research scholarships. A fundamental prerequisite for receiving funding is that project staff carry out their own research, to be published under their own name. The simultaneous receipt of a salary or pension and a research scholarship is not possible.

Application documents

Applications for the special programme on “Forced migration” can only be submitted electronically. The required documents can be uploaded directly in conjunction with filling out the online application form.

Proposals will only be accepted in English.

The following documents are to be submitted:

- Description of the research project (including assignment to at least one of the five core research areas)
 - 8 pages, easily readable font, e.g. Arial 11 point or Times New Roman 12 point. with line spacing 1.5
- Supplementary document outlining the ethical issues linked to the research, the output foreseen, and the social, humanitarian, and/or political impact of the applicant's own scholarship
- Work plan and time schedule, plus travel itinerary (if appropriate)
- Detailed estimate of costs
 - precise figures must be given for the individual amounts requested
 - no college or tuition fees
 - no overhead costs
- Curriculum vitae and list of publications of the applicant(s)
- If relevant, curriculum vitae and list of publications of the proposed project staff
- If relevant, academic degrees of the project staff (Masters, PhD, professorship, etc.; please do not send Bachelor certificates)

If the applicant(s) is/are also seeking a research scholarship:

- Academic degrees of the applicant(s) (Masters, PhD, professorship, etc.; please do not send Bachelor certificates)

Please **do not** additionally send the documents by email or post.

Applicable to new permits from 1 January 2024.

PhD Scholarships

Monthly scholarship award: 1.920 euros

- for one child: EUR 480
- each further child: EUR 120

The family grant is awarded for children who have not yet turned 18.

Monthly endowment for scholarships abroad: 480,- euros

Travel aid: as required

Material aid: as required

Research Scholarships for Postdocs

Monthly scholarship award: 2,760 euros

- for one child: EUR 480
- each further child: EUR 120

The family grant is awarded for children who have not yet turned 18.

Monthly endowment for scholarships abroad: 690 euros

Travel aid: as required

Material aid: as required

Research Scholarships after Post Doctoral Lecture Qualification

Monthly scholarship award: 3,720 euros

The higher grant rate is approved after successful conclusion of the professorial examinations (*habilitation*) process and/or alternatively at the earliest after positive interim evaluation for a junior professorship. For applicants from academic systems that do not envisage habilitations, the Foundation recognizes holding a tenured position as an associate professor or as a full professor or distinguished professor (in the US system) or as a senior lecturer or as a reader/professor (in the Commonwealth system) as an equivalent of passing junior professorial examinations. The administration of the Foundation can in individual cases assess other national qualification levels.

- for one child: EUR 480
- each further child: EUR 120

The family grant is awarded for children who have not yet turned 18.

Monthly endowment for scholarships abroad: 930 euros

Travel aid: as required

Material aid: as required

The application deadline for the Foundation committees autumn meeting in 2024 is **3 May 2024**. Applications have to be in the Foundation's office by this day. The Foundation committees are holding their meeting in April 2024. If your application is successful, funding can start at the beginning of **December 2024** at the very earliest.

Form

Electronic Application Form for the Foundation

1. Please complete the application form in full. Please be aware that each subsection has its own form. The link to the correct form appears if you click on the subsection below this text. Within the form, the header shows which subsection you are applying for.
2. The application form can be saved at any time. Using your own personal link, you can return to and edit the form for a period of ten days. However, after this period (10 Days), your data will be deleted from the server.
3. Once you have completed the form, you will receive a short summary, which needs to be confirmed in order to be sent to the Foundation electronically.
4. During the transmission process your data will be sent to the Foundation in electronic form. Confirmation of receipt will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the application.

Please follow these rules when uploading your application files:

- All documents need to be uploaded as pdf-files.
- Please do not upload protected PDF documents.
- A single file may not exceed a file size of 6 MB each.
- You cannot upload more than one document per upload field.
- The application can only be sent, if all necessary documents are included.

Please note the following additional information:

- Your data will be stored by the Gerda Henkel Foundation for the purpose of processing your application and will not be passed on to third parties.
- The Gerda Henkel Foundation will be happy to provide you with information about the data that we have stored on your person at any time. If so required, personal data can be changed or deleted.
- This form may only be used to make an application to the Gerda Henkel Foundation. The Foundation reserves the right to delete application data without prior notification, if necessary.

- ☐ Application form Research project
 - ☐ Application form Research scholarship

Publishing Aid

Publishing aid is currently only awarded to especially successful projects already being supported by the Foundation. Please include the following documents:

- two-page summary of the academic merit and innovativeness of the monograph/collection

- cost calculation by the publishing house
- manuscript on which the calculations have been made (digital)

A copy of the (preliminary) PhD certificate should be included in proposals submitted for the publication of PhD theses supported by the Gerda Henkel Foundation.

Applications can be submitted at any time.



Important note on submitting applications

Please take a look at the information provided in this section and under General References. We would of course be happy to assist you should you have any further questions.

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Frequently asked questions

Does the Foundation provide funding for master students?

No, the Foundation does not provide support for studies under PhD level.

Can I apply for a research project also if I have not received my PhD yet?

No. Applications for research projects can be made by universities, other research institutes or comparable institutions as well as by one or several Postdocs or scholars with Post Doctoral Lecture Qualification. It is necessary to provide a (preliminary) PhD certificate.

Can I apply with one and the same research project for support from several of the Foundation's programmes?

A simultaneous application with different research projects is in principle possible as long as no scholarship is earmarked for the applicant him/herself.

What is the difference between a research project and a research scholarship?

Applications for research projects can be made by universities, other research institutes or comparable institutions as well as by one or several Postdocs or scholars with Post-Doctoral Lecture Qualification. By contrast, a research scholarship should be applied for by one scholar alone for a project that he conducts himself. Applications for research scholarships can be made directly by Postdocs or scholars with Post-Doctoral Lecture Qualification. A research scholarship is usually applied for by one scholar who will work on a specific project on his own.

What shall I do if I'm not sure whether my subject is eligible for funding from the Foundation?

Please send us a short project summary by email (info@gerda-henkel-stiftung.de). We will be in touch within a few days to let you know whether you can apply.

Are foreign academics allowed to apply for funding programmes?

The funding activities concentrate basically on German and foreign academics in the fields of historical humanities. Candidates can apply regardless of their nationality and place of work.

In which languages does the Foundation correspond?

German and English.

Are there formal requirements on how the application documents should be compiled?

The project description should not be longer than 8 pages. Documents should have at least font size 11 and line spacing 1.5. Please read carefully all instructions in the section general references.

Are there any substantial requirements for the structure or form of the description of the research project?

No, there are no substantive requirements. Applicants for a research scholarship should make sure that in addition to the content presentation, information on the method, the state of research, the sources and research relevance are included in the description, especially if the transcript of the study is in the foreground.

Should the proposal include a detailed list of publications or is it enough to note the cited references in footnotes? Is an additional list of publications with for the project relevant references necessary?

It is sufficient to note the references of the proposal in footnotes. A list of publications with for the project relevant references can but must not be submitted.

What should my working plan and schedule include?

They should include detailed information about the work stages planned for the period of funding, including research trips and their planned duration.

Can I apply for financing for my own post instead of a research grant?

No. The Foundation is not providing funding for posts at research institutions.

Can project staff be funded via posts?

No. Project staff can only be financed by doctoral or research grants. A fundamental precondition for a grant is that project staff conduct their own research, which is published under their name.

Do I have to include the scholarships for the staff members in the cost calculation of the research project or do they have to apply separately for a PhD or research scholarship?

Please budget the scholarships as part of the research project funding. The staff members do not have to apply separately for a PhD or research scholarship.

What do you require for travel and material expenses claims?

We require a list of costs with each individual expense in as much detail as possible. Please have a look at the information provided under http://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/calculation_travel-material-expenses.

Does the Foundation pay for childcare during the period for which a stipend is awarded?

Foundation stipend holders working on Ph.D. or research projects receive a family grant on presentation of the child's/children's birth certificate(s). The grant is paid for children who have not yet turned 18.

What is the Foundation's policy if a stipend holder becomes a parent during the period for which a stipend is awarded?

The period of support for Foundation stipend holders working on Ph.D. or research projects can be extended by up to 12 months if the holder becomes a parent during the period covered by the stipend and has an entitlement to maternity or parental leave. Individual arrangements must be discussed with the Foundation's administrative office.

Does the Foundation cover overhead costs?

No, the Foundation does not cover overhead costs.

Can I change anything in my electronic application form after having sent it to the Foundation?

No, that is not possible. Please inform us about any differing information when sending us your application documents or fill out a new application form and let us know you have sent a new form in a short note or email.

Does the Foundation provide reasons for refusing applications?

The Academic Committee's deliberations are confidential so the Foundation does not provide detailed reasons for refusals.

General questions regarding the applications for scholarships**Can I continue to work during the time of my scholarship?**

No, the simultaneous receipt of salary and a scholarship is not possible.

Can I continue to draw a retirement pension during the time of my scholarship?

No, the simultaneous receipt of a retirement pension and a scholarship is not possible.

In which case can I apply for an overseas bonus?

Should a recipient of a scholarship leave the country of her/his principal residence and spend more than four weeks abroad for research purposes, the Foundation shall grant a flat-rate overseas bonus. This should be seen as an extension to the scholarship, intended to cover the extra costs of food and accommodation. The Foundation shall not cover any accommodation costs for that period if an overseas bonus has been granted.

Can I apply for funding of college or tuition fees?

No, the Foundation does not cover college or tuition fees.

If I am given a doctoral grant, do I have to start my doctorate immediately?

Doctorates must be started within twelve months of the grant being agreed.

Questions regarding grants in general**What should I do once I have received the letter of approval?**

Please let us know by postmail whether you accept the grant and the terms of appropriation. If you do accept, please also supply your current bank details and include when you wish payments to start. Please note that all credit transfers and standing orders are being switched over to the pan-European SEPA system. Instead of a bank sort code and account number, the Foundation requires the IBAN and BIC details. You will find the corresponding information on your account statement and possibly on your bank card.

What are my obligations if I accept the funding?

You must inform the Foundation of any changes which have a bearing on the payment of the grant or the amount paid. Teaching positions and other employment must be agreed with the Foundation if they exceed an average of 5 hours a week.

Can I work during the grant period?

Yes, as long as the employment does not exceed an average of five hours a week.

How should references be made to the Foundation in my work?

We ask that the Foundation be mentioned in any publications that arise from the funded project. The Foundation should also be included in the imprint of any publications for which publishing aid was supplied. For other media, such as conference posters or flyers, please use the logo available on our website. Please also mention the Foundation at events and in any contact with journalists (e.g. via your university's press office), including in any press releases.

Can the grant or parts thereof be used for other purposes?

No. The grant is only to be used for the purposes detailed in the letter of approval.

Can grants be transferred to overseas accounts?

Yes. Please supply your SWIFT/BIC code and IBAN. We would however prefer to make transfers to a German account.

Do I have to take out insurance if I am awarded a grant or does the Foundation cover those costs?

As grant recipients are not technically employed by the Foundation, national insurance contributions are not paid. The Foundation recommends that all grant recipients take out medical insurance. No additional funding is available for these costs.

Invoices**How do I write an invoice?**

Invoices for travel and material costs must take the form of a detailed list of expenses with brief explanations and numbered receipts attached.

What kind of information about my bank account do I have to submit?

Please note that all credit transfers and standing orders are being switched over to the pan-European SEPA system. Instead of a bank sort code and account number, the Foundation requires the IBAN and BIC details. You will find the corresponding information on your account statement and possibly on your bank card. Please send us these details or submit them with your next invoice.

Do original receipts have to be sent?

Generally yes. Should third parties need the originals for billing purposes (e.g. university offices), please submit copies and ensure that the originals are held for at least ten years in case they need to be checked.

Will my family's costs be reimbursed for research trips?

No. These must be covered by the grant recipient.

