



## Call for Applications

### AIWG Research Fellowship

The Academy for Islam in Research and Society (AIWG) offers individual **Research Fellowships** to **postdoc researchers** and **professors** in 2021. Applications are open to scholars within the field of Islamic-Theological Studies (ITS) and its neighbouring disciplines who wish to engage in depth with specific research questions within the AIWG's sphere of activity. Fellows shall expand on existing research approaches and contribute significantly to discourses within the Islamic-Theological Studies and wider society. The awarded fellowships allow scholars to continue and conclude their independent research projects or, alternatively, to contribute to existing AIWG projects and research groups through a research topic of their own. The **AIWG Research Fellowships** are granted for a six-months-period.

### Who can apply?

Applications are open to postdoc researchers and professors within the field of Islamic-Theological Studies and other relevant disciplines in Germany and abroad. Ideally, applicants belong to a university or another institution of tertiary education or research; however, a lack thereof is not obstructive of a successful application.

### What is being funded?

The **AIWG Research Fellowship** allows scholars to conduct their own research project for up to six months as visiting scholars attached to the Goethe University Frankfurt. The AIWG provides a grant of up to EUR 12,000 (twelve thousand Euro) in total to a professor and up to EUR 8,000 (eight thousand Euro) in total to a postdoc researcher. Social security payments and taxation are on the fellows' own authority. Up to ten AIWG Research Fellowships will be granted.



The **AIWG Research Fellowship** is not intended to fund a professorial dissertation or as a follow-up to a previous scholarship by third parties.

### Closing date for applications

The closing date for applications is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please submit your applications via Email to the following address: [antrag@aiwg.de](mailto:antrag@aiwg.de).

### Selection procedure and criteria

Applicants are requested to submit a written application including a motivation letter, curriculum vitae, a list of publications and a two- to three-page research outline in German or English.

The all-important criteria are the academic qualification and expertise of the applicant and the quality and significance of the project proposal. In particular, applicants need to outline the expected thematic, theoretical or methodological stimuli their project will provide for the ITS as well as its relevance to the objectives of the AIWG. Additionally, the application must include a detailed concept for the expected output, especially in regards to the means by which the research results will be made available to the research community and/or society in general (conference, exhibition, publication, online-formats etc.)

An **AIWG Research Fellowship** is available to a wide thematic spectrum of the discipline. Projects with a clear focus on the following areas of interest of the Academy will receive our particular attention:

- Stabilization of the ITS within the academic landscape in Germany
- Islamic-theological approaches to normative texts
- Interdependence of law and ethics in Islamic theology
- Islamic religious education
- Societal commitment of Muslims



An AIWG selection committee will select the projects for the fellowships.

Fellows will design and pursue their own research topics independently whilst being associated with the AIWG. The Academy might request cooperation with its research groups.

A personal consultation prior to submission to address any queries is possible.

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The Academy for Islam in Research and Society (AIWG) is an academic platform for research and the transfer of knowledge at the Goethe University Frankfurt, specializing in Islamic theological questions within the academic field as well as theological questions of interest to society at large. The academy is funded by the Federal Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF) and the Stiftung Mercator.