

**Call for Applications:**  
**International researchers (*visiting fellows*) for the cross-disciplinary visiting programme "Global Talents for Local Transformations"**

The visiting programme "Global Talents for Local Transformations" was devised in the framework of the Ideas Competition "International Research Marketing." It is part of the initiative "Research in Germany" and is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

*Project Description*

The project's primary purpose is to invite excellent **international early-career researchers** (postdoc level) for a **six-month, structured visiting programme** at the University of Vechta. The visiting programme will take place from October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The visiting scholars receive a **monthly scholarship of 1,041.00 €** as well as a **travel allowance** and participate in a **cross-disciplinary supporting programme**. Through a combination of training, counseling, and networking events, the programme provides them with essential information concerning research funding programmes and landscape in Germany and skills in knowledge transfer.

The visiting scholars will cooperate with a researcher (host) at the University of Vechta and present their research project as part of an interdisciplinary Brown Bag Seminar Series (in English). Moreover, they will have access to a digital platform, where they will be able to post relevant research-related content – also in formats that are more accessible to the broader public - and initiate an interdisciplinary dialogue under the umbrella theme "Transformation Processes in Rural Areas." The digital platform should encourage an academic dialogue with relevant local social actors.

*Application Requirements*

International researchers at the postdoc level, **from all subject areas relevant to the research foci of the University of Vechta** and **from all countries**, may apply.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate a connection between the research project they are going to pursue during the visiting programme and the umbrella theme "Transformation Processes in Rural Areas", as well as at least one of the four research foci of the University of Vechta.

Applicants should obtain the support of one researcher (host) of the University of Vechta. It is recommended that the applicant and host prepare the application together. The application should also include a plan outlining the cooperation between visiting researcher and host of the University of Vechta (please, see below).



*Application Documents*

- **Motivation Letter** (visiting researcher), max. 2 pages:  
How does your research relate to the umbrella theme of the visiting programme? What can you personally contribute to it? How does your stay in Vechta fit your career plans? Are you interested in an academic career in Germany in the long term or further research stays in Germany? Do you have any experience and/or interest in the fields of interdisciplinary dialogue and knowledge transfer?
- **CV** (visiting researcher)
- Written **confirmation of the host** about the scientific cooperation (host from the University of Vechta), max. 1 page
- A detailed **description of the academic cooperation** (visiting researcher and host), max. 2 pages:  
A detailed description of the six-month cooperation: Which joint projects will the participant and host work on together? How could the six-month stay promote the cooperation of visiting fellow and host upon the completion of the visiting programme? Are there possible plans for the further integration of the visiting fellow at the University of Vechta? Are there plans for other collaborations?

Please submit your application **by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**, as a PDF document to [welcomecentre@uni-vechta.de](mailto:welcomecentre@uni-vechta.de). You can direct any questions to Dr. Caterina Bonora, at the same email address. The participants' selection will be realized by a selection committee composed of academic and administrative members of the University of Vechta (among others, of members of the Welcome Centre, the Graduate Centre and the Unit of Research Development and Knowledge Transfer).