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Sehr geehrte Forschende,

wie Sie dem Titel entnehmen können, handelt es sich bei dem vorliegenden Newsletter um eine Sonderausgabe im Rahmen des bewaffneten Ukraine-Konflikts. Der Newsletter teilt sich in zwei Abschnitte: Es werden zum einen Fördermöglichkeiten für ukrainische Forschende vorgestellt und zum anderen werden Vorgaben verschiedener Fördergeldgeber aufgelistet, die Bezug nehmen auf die bestehende und zukünftige Zusammenarbeit mit Russland und Belarus.

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Dear researchers,

as you can see from the title, this newsletter is a special edition in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine. The newsletter is divided into two sections: In the first part, funding opportunities for Ukrainian researchers are presented. In the second part, guidelines of different third party funders referring to actual and future cooperation with Russia and Belarus are listed.

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1. Fördermöglichkeiten für ukrainisch Forschende/ *Funding for Ukrainian researchers*

Personal Funding

Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation: Philipp Schwartz Initiative

- **Short description:** The Philipp Schwartz Initiative enables universities and research institutions in Germany to host researchers at risk on the basis of a full fellowship. Accordingly, host institutions receive funding which is composed of two components: Sponsorship covers a fixed-amount fellowship or contractual employment. It is earmarked for a period of up to 24 months; application may be made during the initial fellowship period for an extension of up to 12 months in the framework of a co-financing model. The host institution receives a lump sum allowance of € 20,000 for each individual sponsored. In view of the crisis in the Ukraine, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is extending the deadline for universities and research institutions in Germany to submit applications for Ukrainian scholars under immediate threat in the current selection round of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative. Please contact Dezernat 1 with interest in this funding program: dezernat1@uni-leipzig.de.
- **Deadline:** 18.03.2022
- **Further information:** <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/philipp-schwartz-initiative>

Personal Funding

German Archaeological Institute (DAI): Research Fellowship "Global Archaeology, Sustainable Archaeology and the Archaeology of Sustainability"

- **Short description:** The German Archaeological Institute offers several short-term fellowships for young scholars. With these fellowships, the DAI also wants to specifically support at-risk colleagues from Ukraine to conduct research at one of the DAI sites in Germany or abroad. German and foreign researchers holding a degree in the field of archaeology or a closely related discipline are eligible to apply. Preference is given to young researchers, i.e. PhD candidates and PostDocs within 4 years after obtaining their PhD (calculated from the fellowship's date of commencement), and Ukrainian colleagues. The fellowship may be conducted at any of the DAI's departments or commissions. Depending upon the development of the currently still ongoing COVID-19-pandemic, fellows may also work from home. Such an arrangement requires an agreement with the DAI department or commission providing the fellowship. Remuneration is set at 2.050.-€ for PostDocs and 1.500.-€ for PreDocs. Further details are provided in the DAI guideline for fellowships.
- **Deadline:** 29.04.2022
- **Further information:** <https://www.dainst.org/en/-/research-fellowship-global-archaeology-sustainable-archaeology-and-the-archaeology-of-sustainability-deadline-29-04-2022-?redirect=%2Fkarriere%2Fstipendien%2Ftermine-und-ausschreibungen>

General Support

Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation: Further offers of help

- **Short description:**
 - To help sponsorship recipients from Ukraine, the Humboldt Foundation is offering special arrangements for alumni stays and fellowship extensions.
 - If you have not previously been funded by the Humboldt Foundation and would like to apply for a research fellowship for the first time, you also can contact the advisory team.
- **Further information:** <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/explore/newsroom/news/war-in-ukraine-information-and-measures>

Personal Funding

German Research Foundation (DFG): Refugee Researchers

- **Short description:** The (DFG) supports researchers who have fled their home countries by making it easier for them to join research projects and apply for funding under the Walter Benjamin Programme. This way, the DFG also underlines its solidarity with researchers from Ukraine and Russia who had to flee their home country due to the current war situation triggered by the Russian attack.

The following requirements must be met in principle:

- The person has not been outside their home country for more than three years at the time of application and
- they have residential status in connection with an asylum procedure within the EU and are recognised as being at risk, or
- in lieu of proof of residency status, they are able to present credible third-party evidence of being at risk no more than 12 months prior to application, e.g. documentation provided by the Scholars at Risk Network (SAR) or Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA).
- Individuals are only eligible for sponsorship if they have not previously been sponsored through the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Philipp Schwartz Initiative and the Federal Foreign Office or under any comparable programme for integration in the academic system.

Walter Benjamin Programme: Refugee researchers can submit a proposal for their own project to be carried out in Germany under the Walter Benjamin Programme. The restriction of the target group to the early postdoc phase that otherwise exists under this programme does not apply to refugees.

Supplemental proposals/integration in current funding programmes: All project leaders and also higher education institutions can submit supplemental proposals to integrate qualified refugees – prospective or doctoral researchers – in DFG projects that already receive funding. A supplemental proposal can be geared towards any type of funding that enables refugees to be integrated in a project, in particular guest funds, staff positions and the Mercator module. Refugee researchers can also be funded directly as part of Research Training Groups, Collaborative Research Centres and other DFG-funded joint projects. The funds for this do not have to be applied for separately via supplemental proposals because this type of measure can be financed from funds that have already been approved.

- **Deadline:** none
- **Further information:**
https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/proposal_review_decision/refugee_researchers/index.html

Personal Funding

VolkswagenStiftung: Funding for Refugee Scholars and Scientists from Ukraine

- **Short description:** The funding opportunity is aimed at Ukrainian scholars and scientists who have already fled to Germany following the Russian invasion of their country or who are expected to arrive in Germany in the coming weeks. It offers both doctoral students and postdocs as well as established researchers across all disciplines the opportunity to continue their research for a period of 6-12 months as members of working groups at universities or research institutes in Germany. Funding includes a monthly stipend of 1,700 euros (for doctoral students) or 2,300 euros (for postdocs) and, if applicable, a family allowance of up to 500 euros a month, as well as a small amount for running expenses needed to conduct the research. Eligible to apply are, under the leadership of the head of the respective institution, scientists in Germany who hold a doctorate, lead a research group at a German university or research institute, and are able to provide a temporary workplace for the visiting Ukrainian researcher(s). Please contact Dezernat 1 with interest in this funding program: dezernat1@uni-leipzig.de.
- **Deadline:** none
- **Further information:** <https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance/funding-for-refugee-scholars-and-scientists-from-ukraine>

General Information

European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO): Solidarity list

- **Short description:** Calling for solidarity with Ukraine and life scientists working there, EMBO is launching a list of scientists across Europe and beyond who are able to offer assistance to scientists forced to leave Ukraine. An example could be the provision of laboratory or office workplaces, accommodation or help in arranging further contacts. If you are in a position to offer any assistance, please consider adding yourself to the list.
- **Further information:** <https://www.embo.org/solidarity-with-ukraine/>

General Information

#ScienceForUkraine

- **Short description:** #ScienceForUkraine is a community group of volunteer students and research scientists from academic institutions in Europe and around the world. Its mission is to collect and disseminate information about support opportunities at the university, national, and international level for students and researchers directly affected by the recent Russia's invasion of Ukraine. On the website you will find a wide range of paid academic positions for scientists (PhD student or above), academic transfer opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students, as well as temporary housing.
- **Further information:** <https://scienceforukraine.eu/>

Personal Funding

Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF): Fellowship

- **Short description:** The IIE-SRF is the only global program that arranges, funds, and supports fellowships for threatened and displaced scholars at partnering higher education institutions worldwide. These year-long fellowships of \$25,000USD support temporary academic positions at institutions of higher learning anywhere in the world where IIE-SRF fellows can continue their work in safety. In most cases, IIE-SRF fellows are eligible to apply for a second and final year of fellowship support.
- **Deadline:** none
- **Further information:** <https://www.scholarrescuefund.org/for-scholars/>

General Information

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Offers of assistance for Ukrainian students and scientists

- **Short description:** The DAAD receives many tips about donation and support campaigns for Ukrainian students and academics. It regularly reviews these and make them available in bundled form under "Offers of assistance". It also refers to existing and future aid measures of the DAAD and other German academic institutions.
- **Further information:** <https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/hilfsangebote/>

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2. Hinweise der Fördermittelgeber zu Kooperationen mit Russland und Belarus / *Information from funding organisations on cooperation with Russia and Belarus*

Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, German Research Foundation, Fraunhofer Society, German Rectors' Conference, Leibniz Association, National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, German Academic Exchange Service, Helmholtz Association, Max Planck Society, German Science and Humanities Council)

- **Short description:** The Alliance of German Science Organisations strongly supports the Federal Government's consistent action against Russia's belligerent attack on Ukraine, which is in violation of international law. The Alliance of Science Organisations will discuss further steps in this crisis situation in close consultation with each other as well as with the Federal Government and other political decisionmakers. Decisions must then be made by the individual organisations or member institutions. Even at this stage, however, it is recommended that academic cooperation with state institutions and business enterprises in Russia be frozen with immediate effect until further notice, that German research funds no longer benefit Russia, and that no joint events take place of an academic nature or those pertaining to research policy. New cooperation projects should not be initiated at the present time.
- **Further information:**
https://www.dfg.de/download/pdf/dfg_im_profil/allianz/220225_statement_allianz_ukraine_en.pdf

German Research Foundation (DFG)

- **Short description:** The DFG is suspending all its funded research projects between academics from Germany and Russia with immediate effect. What is more, funding proposals for new collaborative projects and renewal proposals for ongoing projects will not be accepted until further notice. As of now, no data, samples, equipment or research material is to be exchanged under existing cooperation projects. Similarly, no joint events are to be held. Financing of the Russian contribution to joint projects will be ceased until further notice; the German share in such projects will continue to receive funding. For the time being, the DFG will not accept proposals for new German-Russian projects or proposals to renew existing bilateral projects. In the case of new or renewal proposals that have already been submitted, all reviews, evaluations by review boards and decisions by approval committees have been suspended. Researchers who are currently applying for a fellowship abroad for Ukraine or Russia may alter their applications and specify a different destination country. Scholarships that have already been approved are not to be taken up. Current scholarships can be converted into domestic scholarships or positions; here, too, there is the option of moving to another country.
- **Further information:**
https://www.dfg.de/en/service/press/press_releases/2022/press_release_no_01/index.html

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):

- **Short description:** The DAAD restricts academic exchange with Russia, maintains access channels to Germany. The following activities are currently suspended:
 - The realization of DAAD-funded stays by German students, lecturers and researchers at Russian higher education institutions
 - Joint events between German and Russian institutes of higher education
 - Joint activities with and direct funding of Russian academic institutions by the DAADIn contrast, we are continuing the DAAD scholarship programmes for students and researchers from Russia. Russian DAAD scholarship holders who are already in Germany will also keep their scholarships and can continue their stay as agreed. In this way, we want to strengthen Russians who, like us, advocate an international community based on rules and values.
- **Further information:** <https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/ukraine/>

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

- **Short description:** Cooperation with Russia in science and research as well as in vocational training is currently stopped. All current and planned measures with Russia will be frozen and critically reviewed as well. There will be no new collaborations for the time being. With regard to large-scale international research projects based in Germany with significant Russian participation, the BMBF spokeswoman referred to the BMBF's obligations under international law, which are "of course" being met.
- **Further information:** <https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/shareddocs/kurzmeldungen/de/2022/02/zusammenarbeit-mit-rusland-gestoppt.html>

European Commission

- **Short description:** It is decided to suspend the preparations of grant agreements for four projects under the Horizon Europe programme that involve five Russian research organisations. Signing of any new contracts will be put on hold until further notice. Furthermore, any payments to Russian entities under existing contracts are to be suspended.
- **Further information:** https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_22_1528

Max Planck Society: Statement by the President of the Max Planck Society

- **Short description:** The institutes are informed that the Max Planck Society is prepared to provide central funds at short notice, and with the least possible amount of bureaucracy, to enable Ukrainian scientists associated with Max Planck Institutes to continue their work with the support of local scholarship programmes.
- **Further information.** <https://www.mpg.de/18354975/statement-mpg-president-stratmann-war-ukraine>

Saxon State Ministry for Science, Culture and Tourism (SMWK)

- **Short description:** The SMWK strongly condemns the attack on Ukraine and would like to support scientists and students from Ukraine. Concrete aid measures are still being worked out together with the State Rectors' Conference. However, it is already planned to extend scholarships and to continue to employ scientific staff whose projects had to be cancelled due to the war.
- **Further information:** <https://www.wissenschaft.sachsen.de/>

Gerda Henkel Foundation

- **Short description:** The Gerda Henkel Foundation is making grants totalling 2 million euros available for Ukrainian scholars. The funding will be spread across three pillars: Up to one million euros will go to the Philipp Schwartz Initiative, an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation programme for researchers threatened by war or persecution in their home countries. Up to 500,000 euros will be allocated to the non-profit organization MitOst e.V., which is busy coordinating humanitarian assistance measures in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries. A similar sum of 500,000 euros will be made available for an in-house scholarship programme with which the Gerda Henkel Foundation is initially reaching out to persons who have in the past received or are at present receiving grants, with the intention being to make it possible for them to stay at research institutes and universities in Germany and Europe.
- **Further information:** https://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/en/press-release?page_id=123908#top

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