Apply now – EUniWell Abroad Fellowship

Do you have a creative, challenging, unprecedented project idea which aligns with EUniWell’s vision and contributes to Well-Being in our society and environment in a sustainable way? Are you planning a research stay or specific laboratory work for your thesis or research project, which is in line with Well-Being and the Sustainable Development Goals? Or do you want to take part in one of EUniWell’s research or study programmes at one of our partner universities?

Then apply now for the EUniWell Abroad Fellowship! We will support Fellows with their project ideas. Funding will be provided by EUniWell at the Vice-Rectorate for Teaching and Studies.

What do we support?

Short-term stays in 2022 (one up to max. three weeks) at a partner university of the European University for Well-Being (EUniWell)
- Leiden University (Netherlands)
- Linnaeus University (Sweden)
- Nantes Université (France)
- University of Birmingham (England)
- University of Florence (Italy)
- University of Murcia (Spain)
- Semmelweis University (Hungary)

Your project should be in line with EUniWell’s vision and the Sustainable Development Goals and should cover a well-being related topic.

Possible exchange formats for your stay:

- Conducting interviews or surveys
- Library or archive research
- Laboratory work / practical works
- Preparation and work for theses
- Participation in specialised courses, workshops or seminars
- Summer or winter schools
- Participation in competitions
- Tasks in the context of Open Science
- Data Literacy
- Stays for acquisition of additional methodological skills
Well-Being and sustainability play a crucial role in your project as well as in your stay and your travels. In case you are - for instance - not able to travel by sustainable means of transport, what else could you do? Which other ideas do you have to contribute to the well-being of our environment or society? Convince us with creative and unusual ideas that will then become best practice in EUniWell.

Who can apply for funding?

- Students enrolled in a degree programme at University of Cologne (Bachelor, Master, State Examination)
- Doctoral students at University of Cologne
- PostDocs at University of Cologne
- Applicants must either have German citizenship or be treated as Germans in accordance with § 8, Section 1, No. 2 et seq. and sections 2, 2a and 3 BAföG. Applications from foreign students are possible if they are enrolled in a study programme at the University of Cologne with the aim of obtaining a degree from University of Cologne.

The evaluation of applications takes place in particular on the basis of the following criteria:

- Justification of your project (project description)
- Integration into EUniWell’s vision
- Relevance for research, teaching and transfer
- Well-Being or SDG factors of your project and your travels
- Integration of your project into your study or career plan
- For students: Convincing academic performance and/or well-being commitment

For which period of time and to what extent can you apply for funding?

Travel and accommodation costs are funded for one week and in exceptional cases up to three weeks in accordance with Landesreisekostengesetz NRW (Law of Travel Expenses North Rhine-Westphalia).

The Fellowship is a partial grant. Generally, the costs you actually incurred will be reimbursed up to a certain amount.

- The reimbursement of travel costs (outward and return journey) is limited to a maximum of €800.
- No information can be given in advance on the exact amount of the funding of subsistence/accommodation costs. The exact amount depends on the selected applications and the respective countries of the stay.

How to apply?

Applications can be sent via an online form. Please follow this link, fill in the form and upload the following documents (in German or English):
Current CV
Motivation letter (one page)
  o Description of your project and the aim of the exchange
  o What contribution is made to well-being and the Sustainable Development Goals?
  o What added value does the stay offer for your study or your career path?
For students: Transcript of Records
List of costs to be reimbursed (cost projection)
If existent: Confirmation letter, e.g. of supervisors at the partner university or at University of Cologne or a confirmation of participation in a specific course, competition etc. (could also be handed in later)

Application Deadline

31 July 2022 (extended until 12 August 2022!)
(applies to stays which will be undertaken until end of 2022)

On request and in special and justified cases, applications can also be accepted and evaluated at short notice.

Further important information

- The stay has to be organised independently and (for students) in consultation with a responsible teacher (especially for stays for final theses, laboratory stays, etc.). EUniWell may help to arrange contacts at the partner universities.
- The fellowship is paid on the basis of existing evidence. Thus, Fellows have to pay for the stay in advance. Please keep all receipts carefully. After your stay and after handing in the statement of travel expenses, you will receive the refund.
- You can apply for an advance payment. You will then receive a payment of 80% of the calculated costs. For this purpose, the potential travel and subsistence costs must be calculated and documented with researched information (offers, information material, screenshots, links, etc.). Form for Advance Payment (English)
- Further information on the administrative process will be given in case of your acceptance.
- If you are accepted for the fellowship, a contractual agreement will be concluded.
- You can receive further information during Ms Leonie Tillmanns’ office hour or via mail (l.tillmanns(at)uni-koeln.de)