

Call for Fellowships at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg: Cultures of Research (c:o/re) in Aachen (Germany)

Open call for applications for up to ten fellowships (postdoctoral to senior level) starting in October 2025 for up to twelve months, application deadline December 31, 2024

Fellowships

The Käte Hamburger Kolleg Cultures of Research (c:o/re) is an international center for advanced studies at RWTH Aachen University, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The center has openings for a total of ten international fellows from the humanities and social sciences, as well as from natural, life, and technical sciences. Fellows will be offered a free space in which to develop their own research and to exchange ideas with each other. Cultures of Research is positioned where the fields of history, philosophy, and sociology interface with natural science and technology. The focus of the center's work is on the manifold research cultures within the sciences, their commonalities and differences, and how they are transformed through interdisciplinary discourse. We are particularly interested in exploring the concepts of 'digitality/complexity', 'globality/varieties of science' and 'expanded STS' together with international fellows.

For the year 2025/2026 we are particularly, but not exclusively interested in the topic of 'digitality/complexity'. Proposals may address

- the digital/non-digital divide in science and engineering,
- the varieties of digital cultures for knowledge production, and
- the influence of AI on science and technology.

Participation and contribution to the center

Fellows will join the international center for a maximum period of 12 months (minimum 6 months), starting in October 2025. The fellowships provide a full grant commensurate with applicants' level of professional experience, working space in fully-equipped offices, logistical support, and access to the interdisciplinary research landscape and research labs at RWTH Aachen University. Fellows who take unpaid leave during their fellowship will receive financial compensation in the form of a stipend; alternatively, the center would pay for a teaching replacement at the fellow's home institution.

In order to create a stimulating intellectual environment among the resident research community, regular presence at the center and participation in its weekly events are mandatory. Residency in Aachen is required and the center can support fellows in the search for accommodation.

For more information about fellowships @ c:o/re:

<https://khk.rwth-aachen.de/faq>

Location

RWTH Aachen University is one of the largest universities of science and technology in Europe. Located at the borders of Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands (Euregio), it has close ties with STS institutes at the universities of Maastricht and Liège, and with the neighboring Jülich Research Center, a research campus of more than 5,000 researchers.

See for more information on the RWTH Aachen University:

<https://www.rwth-aachen.de>

Application Modalities

Applications are open to post-doctoral (PhD must be fully completed by the time of application) as well as senior researchers who have already distinguished themselves with outstanding work within the thematic focus of the center. The application (in English) includes the application form (link see

below), a cover letter, curriculum vitae, list of publications, a writing sample (in English), and an exposé (max. 3 pages), in which the applicant presents her/his research project and its relation to c:ore's research program. An interdisciplinary outlook is advantageous. Please submit your application via our online platform that you find [here](#).

The deadline for applications is December 31, 2024.

Female researchers and scholars from the Global South are particularly encouraged to apply. For further information please visit the [FAQs](#) on our [website](#).