

Liebig Fellowship - Guidelines

The purpose of the Liebig Fellowship is to support prospective university professors in the chemistry sector.

Prerequisites:

- planned, **independent** junior research group at a German university or non-university research institution
- PhD in chemistry or related fields
- Outstanding academic achievement
- Publication list must emphasise independence
- Relocation and new research group after PhD (It is not possible to return to the university where the PhD was obtained or to the research group of the PhD supervisor. This also applies if the PhD supervisor has meanwhile changed to another university.)
- Performance of chemistry-oriented research work
- As a general rule, no more than 3 years must have passed between the PhD and the application for a Liebig Fellowship. Exceptions are possible, e.g. parental leave.

Benefits of the Fellowship / Conditions:

The Liebig Fellowship beneficiary receives monthly payments of 3,400 EUR (see page 3). To support the compatibility of family and career in science, an additional monthly lump sum of 100 EUR per child is granted. This lump sum is paid to supported parents upon presentation of the child's birth certificate. Further benefits outside the fellowship:

- 3,000 EUR per annum to purchase scientific literature and to attend scientific symposiums or further education courses.
- One-time allowance for equipment of 50,000 EUR (only if research is performed in Germany) + 15,000 EUR per year of extension, and
- 1 PhD Fellowship for a 3-year period (see annex) to finance 1 scientific staff.
- The Fellowship runs for 3 years. On application, the Fellowship may be extended maximally by 2 additional years.
- The Liebig Fellowship beneficiary must be willing to dedicate at least ¼ of an assistant's time to teaching purposes.
- In exceptional cases the Liebig Fellowship can be combined with a junior professorship; please contact the Secretariat for details.
- The beneficiary undertakes to accept funding from only one donor and to mainly and regularly dedicate his/her work activities to the scientific work for which he/she receives funding within this Fellowship. Paid extra work of up to maximally 5 hours per week is permitted.
- Furthermore, the beneficiary undertakes to immediately notify Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds of any changes which affect the requirements for / conditions of the Liebig Fellowship or of any facts which are significant to the implementation of this Fellowship. This applies generally and, in particular, to any reason which prevents the beneficiary of the Liebig Fellowship from performing in person the funded work. The only exceptions from this

notification requirement are absence of less than three weeks due to illness and vacation-related absence. In cases where such above-mentioned points relate to the person benefitting from the PhD Fellowship within the Liebig Fellowship, the beneficiary of the Liebig Fellowship falls under the notification requirement from the moment when he/she becomes aware or should be aware of these points.

- Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds reserves the right to withdraw or suspend the Liebig Fellowship if there are important reasons damaging the reputation of the Fellowship or if the beneficiary does not fulfil his/her obligations arising under this Fellowship. In cases where the Fellowship is withdrawn, Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds can demand the beneficiary to pay back (partly or in full) the funds already received within the Liebig Fellowship - applying the principle of proportionality and considering all the circumstances in the individual case.

Submit the following application documents via E-mail to stipendien-liebig@vci.de:

- Completed personal data application form - available on request from forschung-fonds@vci.de. Please be sure to note the name of your mentor and the university or research institution where you will be working in the email.
- Letter of motivation with a focus on the career goal of "university teacher"
- CV in tabular form
- Letter of recommendation by a university teacher (usually the PhD supervisor), confirming the scientific qualification and suitability of the applicant for a university career
- If there are post-doc periods between the PhD and the application for a Liebig Fellowship, a letter of recommendation by each supervising scientist during that period is also required. This letter should explicitly include a statement on the situation regarding publications and/or independent achievements by the applicant during the said period.
- Written commitment by the mentor, confirming that a working place is provided for the applicant, together with a list of available infrastructure (1 page)
- Subject of and detailed work plan for the research activity (15 up to 20 pages) incl. prefaced abstract (up to one page), time schedule (1 page see FAQs)
- Short report on master/diploma thesis (1-2 pages)
- Certificates on main master/diploma examination and PhD, with individual grades
- List of publications
- PDF-file of the PhD thesis (up to 10 MB)
- If applicable: Birth certificate(s) of your own child/children

Applications can be made at any time.

Please note that applications can be considered only after all required documents have been submitted to the Secretariat of Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds.

According to § 3 item 44 of the German Income Tax Law, fellowships from non profit organizations such as Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds des Verbandes der Chemischen Industrie are income-tax free on the following conditions:

- a. The fellowships do not exceed the amounts necessary to perform a research task or to cover living expenses and the need for professional training, and the fellowships are awarded according to relevant guidelines of the donor;
- b. Beneficiaries of fellowships are not obliged to render any specific scientific or artistic service in return or to perform work as employees.

On the use of generative models in the application

Applicants must disclose whether and which generative models they have used, for what purpose and to what extent when submitting an application. They must ensure that the use of generative models does not infringe third-party intellectual property and does not result in scientific misconduct, e.g. in the form of plagiarism. The use of generative models when applying will generally be assessed neither positively nor negatively.

Data Protection Rules of Fonds der Chemischen Industrie

Applications for funding or prizes of Fonds der Chemischen Industrie im Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V. (chemical industry fund within the German chemical industry association VCI)

By submitting personal data in connection with an application for funds or prizes of Fonds der Chemischen Industrie im Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V., you consent to the electronic processing and storage of the data you have provided. This is done for the organizational processing of the funding procedures/award procedures and for communication on events of Fonds der Chemischen Industrie and the foundation Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds.

Furthermore, you agree to your name being published in the context of press releases about the granting of funds / award of prizes. Your data will be stored until you withdraw your consent by stating this withdrawal to us. Where we are under a legal obligation to store your data, these data will be deleted after expiry of the legally required record-keeping period. In the context of the approval procedure for funding or an award ceremony, your data will be passed on to third parties (reviewers) for the purpose of processing.

The full version of our data protection rules (in German language) is available at <https://www.vci.de/fonds/datenschutz/datenschutzbestimmungen.jsp>.

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Annex to the Liebig Fellowship Guidelines: PhD Fellowship for Liebig Fellowship beneficiaries to finance 1 scientific staff - to build up a group of young investigators

Prerequisites:

- The Liebig Fellowship beneficiary selects 1 staff member whom he/she thinks suitable and wants to present to Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds as a potential PhD candidate.
 - In Germany: PhD candidates can be of any nationality
 - Abroad: PhD candidates must be German nationals
- This staff member must have completed university studies of **chemistry** or related fields and qualify for admission to a PhD degree.
- Generally, this application should be made latest 6 months after the start of the work on the PhD thesis.
- The PhD Fellowship cannot be split between several staff members.

Benefits of the PhD Fellowship / Conditions:

- The PhD Fellowship beneficiary receives monthly payments of 1,850 EUR (see page 2). To support the compatibility of family and career in science, an additional monthly lump sum of 100 EUR per child is granted. This lump sum is paid to supported parents upon presentation of the child's birth certificate.
- Material cost allowance of 1,000 EUR per annum are made available to purchase scientific literature, computers including accessories and to attend scientific symposiums within Europe that are directly connected with the work on the PhD thesis.
- The Fellowship runs for 3 years.
- The beneficiary must be willing to participate in a teaching activity (e.g., 2 hours/week during the semester).
- The beneficiary undertakes to accept funding from only one institution (prohibition of double funding) and to devote his/her research work primarily and regularly to the academic activity funded by this scholarship. Additional employment of up to a quarter of a position in the area of research and teaching at a university or non-university research institution or a maximum of 5 hours per week in all other areas is permitted.
- Furthermore, the beneficiary undertakes to immediately notify Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds of any changes which affect the requirements for / conditions of the PhD Fellowship or of any facts which are significant to the implementation of this Fellowship. This applies generally and, in particular, to any reason which prevents the beneficiary from performing in person the funded work. The only exceptions from this notification requirement are absence of less than three weeks due to illness and vacation-related absence.
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or in full) the funds already received within the PhD-Fellowship - applying the principle of proportionality and considering all the circumstances in the individual case.

The applicant is the Liebig Fellowship beneficiary. The following application documents are required:

- Completed personal data application form
- CV in tabular form, list of publications (if applicable)
- Letter of recommendation by the Liebig Fellowship beneficiary
- Subject of and work plan for the PhD thesis - to be elaborated by the PhD candidate
 - summary and objectives (1 page)
 - introduction with citations / status of research, planned experiments (5-7 pages)
 - time schedule (spreadsheet, 1 page)
 - bibliography
- Certificate of university degree with individual grades (bachelor and master or equivalent)
- If applicable: Birth certificate(s) of the child/children of the PhD candidate

Please note that applications can be considered only after all required documents for the PhD Fellowship have been submitted to the Secretariat of Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds.

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