



## IASS Fellow Programme: Call for Applications for 2021

The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) is an international, inter- and transdisciplinary research institute located in Potsdam. It is financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal State of Brandenburg.

Each year, about 30 individuals from around the world participate in the institute's Fellow Programme. During their stay, fellows work with each other and with IASS researchers, providing expertise, inspiration, and creative input. In return, the IASS offers fellows the opportunity to develop their ideas in an international community of eminent researchers, not only within the institute, but also in the wider Potsdam-Berlin area. In keeping with the institute's transdisciplinary approach to research, fellows are encouraged to engage with stakeholders from all areas of society.

We particularly welcome proposals that envisage active collaboration with IASS researchers and aim to achieve joint outputs with one or more of the institute's research groups. With this in mind, applicants are encouraged to contact the [coordinator of the Fellow Unit](#) and to consult directly with researchers at the IASS while developing their project idea.

### Applications should be related to one of the current research areas of the IASS:

- [Perception, values, orientation](#)
- [Democratic transformations](#)
- [Governance for the environment and society](#)
- [Systemic interdependencies: technology, nature, society](#)
- [Energy systems and societal change](#)
- [Forums: science, policy and society](#)

Although all proposed projects should relate to at least one of the Research Areas, they do not need to be tailored towards a specific research group. We especially aim to attract fellows who inspire the entire Institute and who span the boundaries of individual research projects. We welcome applications for both stand-alone projects that link in to one of the Areas and cross-cutting projects that relate to multiple Areas. Please visit our website to get a further overview of our research: <https://www.iass-potsdam.de/en/research>.

Fellowships are open to individuals at all career stages and may be combined with sabbaticals. The IASS strongly encourages experts with a strong interest in sustainability and societal transformation to apply for this programme. Applicants can come from a wide range of sectors such as **science, public administration, the private sector, civil society, media** or the **arts**.

Applicants from the scientific community are expected to generally have a PhD or similar level of experience. For those outside academia, several years' work experience in a given field is a requirement.

Fellows will receive financial compensation to cover their additional costs of living during their stay in Germany. The exact amount will depend on the particular situation of the successful applicant (e.g.



whether they are on paid or unpaid leave) and will be decided on an individual basis. On request, the IASS can also provide limited resources to cover travel expenses, publication fees, support for organising workshops, production costs for artistic work, etc.

The minimum duration of fellowships is three months, and the maximum duration is twelve months. Fellows are expected to be physically present at the IASS during their stay and actively contribute to the work of the institute, for example by holding seminars and participating in other IASS activities. The intended **starting period for fellowships is spring/summer 2021**. Fellows are permitted to interrupt their fellowship and may even divide it into several stages. In any case, fellowships in this cohort have to be concluded by 30 June 2022.

**The deadline for applications is 23:59 Central European Standard Time on 23 August 2020.** Applications will undergo a formal review process overseen by the Fellow Unit. This will include an internal review by IASS research group leaders, as well as an external review of the short-listed top candidates. The final decision will be made by the Board of Directors in late autumn 2020. Here and elsewhere, the IASS strives for diversity in terms of geographic background and gender balance.

**For your application, we require the following documents:**

- A **letter of motivation**. Please mention whether you consider yourself an academic or a practitioner, and for academics what prior experience you have at the interface of your field of expertise and other sectors of society (such as science, politics, business, the arts, media, etc.).
- A **current CV** which should not exceed three pages.
- If available, a **list of projects, publications, lectures or similar** can be added. The list should be limited to the most important items and not exceed three pages.
- A **proposal** outlining your planned activities. The proposal should be no longer than five pages (excluding bibliographic references) and should be structured as follows:
  - A. Title of your project
  - B. Project Outline (max. 300 words)
  - C. Specification of which of the six research areas your activities are most closely linked to
  - D. Description of activities
  - E. Details of how these activities will contribute to the work of the IASS
  - F. Resource needs (e.g. funds for workshops, travel or infrastructure needs, such as software)
  - G. Timeline (intended start and end of Fellowship)

Applications that do not follow the above structure may be rejected. Applications must be submitted in English. All documents should be collated into a single PDF file not exceeding 10MB.

**To apply, please follow this link to our online application process:** <https://fellows.iass-potsdam.de>. Here you will also find a short overview of the IASS Fellow Programme, details of the current fellows, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the IASS Fellow Unit at [fellowship@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:fellowship@iass-potsdam.de).