

Fedor Stepun Fellowships

Please apply here for the Fedor Stepun Fellowships.

After submitting the form, you will receive an automatic confirmation of receipt by e-mail. If you have any questions, please contact stepun@rs.rub.de.

Important note: You are not supposed to reach out to your desired host professor. Only indicate the respective name and data. Our office will reach out.

The character numbers given in the form include characters and spaces. The fields are not automatically limited. Please ensure that you adhere to the specifications. An overrun will result in the formal rejection of your application.

1. Applicant information

First NameRequired

Last NameRequired

GenderRequired

female male diverse no answer

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

NationalityRequired

Current country of residenceRequired

Current residence status (visa, permit, fugitive, etc.)

Private Address (not work!)Required

Research FieldRequired

Currently employed

yes no

Chair/Working group/Team

Position

Phone (if applicable)

E-MailRequired

2. (Social) Media contact

By sharing your digital information, you agree that UA Ruhr may mention and link you in its posts.

Homepage

LinkedIn

Instagram

Bluesky

3. Academic Career

Title of your Ph.D. project Required

Abstract of PhD project (max. 3,000 characters) Required

Supervisor No.1 incl. university Required

Date PhD received Required

PhD received from Required

PhD funding

Other institutions of higher education attended incl. degrees Required

Top 5 publications, in order of importance

Top 5 conference contributions

Teaching experience

Awards & Grants

Other achievements

Keywords of research

4. Eligibility

You are an international postdoc who Required

received your PhD outside Germany received your PhD not more than three years ago received your PhD more than three years ago

If you do not meet the criteria, but wish to apply, please explain:

5. Potential Host at University Alliance Ruhr

Last Name Required

First Name Required

Please choose university Required

Faculty, Institute, Chair Required

E-Mail

6. Personal Risk Situation

Please explain your personal risk situation. If you are still in current danger, e.g., living in

Russia, Ukraine, or alike, please hand in an official Proof of Risk.

7. Postdoc Project

Elaborate on your idea for a postdoctoral project and how it fits with the research background of your intended host. Also explain which third-party funding organization you consider and how it aligns with state-of-the-art research.

(3,000 characters max)Required

Desired start of funding period (dd/mm/yyyy)Required

Please name a referee our reviewers can get in touch withRequired

8. Equal Opportunities

We try to take unavoidable personal restrictions in your academic work into consideration. Therefore, we would like to give you the opportunity to briefly explain your personal circumstances that lead to a special need in the implementation of your international activity in your application. We invite you to take this need into account when designing your activity and your application.

In order to raise the awareness of the researchers involved in the review process before reading your application, we ask you to briefly explain the needs arising from your unavoidable personal restriction. Keep your statements in such a way that they can be passed on to the reviewers (e.g. do not give any diagnoses).

Please enclose proof for your unavoidable personal restriction with your application. This proof will only be checked by the RUB Research School office and is **not part of the documents which are handed over to the reviewers.**

Please explain here in max. 1,000 characters how your stay here is affected by your restriction or why the reviewers should take it into account. An example could be: Due to the birth of my child, more time has passed since my PhD. Due to care obligations, I can only travel for 8 weeks. I have a child and need childcare for this period. I use a wheelchair and need further assistance.

Explanation (max 1,000 characters)

9. Information on the use of AI in this application

Please indicate whether and in what form you have used AI tools to ensure transparency and traceability in the review process in accordance with the 'Rules of Good Scientific Practice'. As AI tools can inaccurately alter content or distort contexts, we ask that you review all AI-generated results responsibly and carefully. The use of AI tools is not an evaluation criterion in the review process and does not influence the funding decision.

Please specify

I did not use any AI tools in preparing the application. I used AI tools for content and language support.

In accordance with the [guidelines](#) on the use of AI tools in applications, any use of such tools for the scientific content of your application must be disclosed.

AI tool(s) used

The AI tool helped me with: Please list the three most important aspects for you in keywords. (e.g. translation, linguistic optimisation, content optimisation, brainstorming, abstract, project design, etc.)

10. Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that false answers, whether intentional or the result of negligence, are illegal and that their discovery will lead to the revocation of my funding. Furthermore, I agree to inform Research School immediately of any changes or amendments. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

NOTE: The application and accompanying documents will remain with Research School. Personal data will be stored and processed in computer files only to the extent necessary for the administration of applications and in compliance with the “Datenschutzgesetz Nordrhein-Westfalen” (Data Protection Act of North Rhine Westphalia, § 4).

I acknowledge that the CCO, doctoral reviewers and board members will have access to my application in the context of the review process. I take responsibility for the completeness of my application, as well as accept that the accompanying data and documents will be stored at the Research School. In case my application will be funded, I agree that the following data will be published on the Research School website: Name, location, cooperation partner, faculty, institute, project type.

Privacy Policy Required

Yes, I accept that my data may be processed in the above mentioned way

Do you have any comments?

The fields marked with an asterisk () are mandatory fields.*