

# SAFE – Supporting At-risk Researchers with Fellowships in Europe

## Call for Fellowship Applications

### OVERVIEW

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The EU-funded SAFE project aims to provide 60 fellowships to non-EU researchers facing threats in their home countries, supporting them to continue their academic work at a research institution in the EU.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

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**Applications must be submitted by a higher education or research institution located in the EU** on behalf of the researcher they are willing to host. **Each host institution may submit only one application in total**, on behalf of a single researcher.

The target group for SAFE fellowships are **doctoral** and **post-doctoral** researchers at risk.

The fellowships will be awarded between **two tracks**:

- **Track 1: Researchers at risk without EU citizenship currently outside the EU** who are facing threats in their country of residence or have recently fled their country of residence to a third country due to such threats and have neither refugee nor subsidiary protection status there.

- **Track 2: Researchers at risk without EU citizenship who are already in an EU Member State**, either with recognised refugee or subsidiary protection status in the EU, or researchers outside the refugee process holding or applying for temporary permits/visas in an EU Member State.

### WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

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Funding will be provided for the selected researchers to carry out a **doctoral or postdoctoral research project** at the proposed host institution in the EU.

### VALUE

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**For fellowship holders:**

- Monthly salary contribution (3040 EUR gross for PhD, 5080 EUR gross for post-doc level)
- Monthly mobility allowance (600 EUR)
- Family allowance (660 EUR)
- Special needs allowance (upon demand)

Additionally, **for host institutions:**

- Monthly contribution to research training and networking (1000 EUR)
- Monthly allowance for management/indirect contribution (650 EUR)



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## WHAT REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET?

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The following eligibility criteria apply for researchers:

- (1) a. Doctoral/PhD candidates must be enrolled in a doctoral/PhD programme or have started their doctoral/PhD studies at the time of application. The start date of the doctoral/PhD studies should be no earlier than 5 years prior to the application deadline
- b. Postdoctoral researchers must be in possession of a doctoral degree at the time the fellowship is set to begin; the successful defense of the doctoral thesis must have taken place by the time of the application. Postdoctoral researchers must have no more than 8 years of full-time research experience, starting from the date they received their doctoral degree
- (2) Candidates must have the language skills required to successfully conduct their research activities at the envisaged host institution
- (3) Candidates must not hold EU citizenship
- (4) Candidates must face or have faced qualifying risks (e.g. discrimination, persecution, imprisonment, surveillance, censorship, violence)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE AND LOCATION

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The online application platform will be accessible via this [link](#) from **18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at 23:59 (CET)**.

## MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

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More detailed information on eligibility criteria, application documents, and the selection process can be found in the **SAFE Terms of Reference for Applicants** and the FAQs section on the [project website](#).

## CONTACT

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For any questions regarding the application and the evaluation process, please contact [info.safe@daad.de](mailto:info.safe@daad.de).



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