



## INFORMATION ON FELLOWSHIPS

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It is a central objective of the Centre for Advanced Research (KFG = Kolleg-Forschungsgruppe) „Migration and Mobility in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages“ to promote the joint research by visiting scholars on issues of migration and mobility in the Mediterranean and Europe between 250 and 900 CE. With the financial support from the German Research Foundation (DFG = Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), we award resident fellowships for research stays in Tübingen from 1–12 months.

### SELECTION

The fellowships are published once a year in internationally known forums as well as on our website. The Centre's directors – Prof. Dr. Mischa Meier, Prof. Dr. Steffen Patzold, and Prof. Dr. Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner – choose the fellows for the coming year with the agreement of the president's office.

The requirements for a fellowship are a finished PhD (including the oral exam but not publication) as well as an independent research profile and international visibility in a discipline relevant to the Centre's research (notably Ancient and Medieval History, Byzantine Studies, Archeology, Classics, and Regional Studies), to be shown by publications.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Centre offers its fellows a monthly stipend to cover the additional costs of staying in Tübingen (i.e. housing, food, insurance, possible commuting journeys). In addition, we reimburse the costs of travel to and from Tübingen (in accordance with university and DFG guidelines).

The stipend's amount follows the recommendation by Tübingen University. We offer either full stipends for postdocs or senior scholars (with tenure or an equivalent permanent research position) or a mobility aid for all fellows (not differentiated by experience) who will receive funds from another institution during their stay (e.g. those who continue to receive their salary from their home university); income of under 6,000 €/year is not relevant.

#### **Monthly stipend amounts (as of May 2023):**

Mobility aid (for everyone with other funding):	1,400 €
Postdoc stipend (unless they continue to receive their salary):	2,670 €
Senior scholar stipend (unless they continue to receive their salary):	3,150 €
Bonusses for accompanying children: 400 € for 1 child, 500 € for 2, 600 € for 3 or more children	

In special cases, we can also finance a replacement for senior scholars' teaching obligations at their home university.

The guidelines of Tübingen University and the DFG on the awarding of stipends apply. Most importantly, stipends must not be used as a way of bypassing an employment relationship; for that reason, German citizens without ongoing employment cannot receive a stipend and must be hired (“Wissenschaftl. Mitarb.”, TVL 13).

Stipends are paid out without tax deductions, but the decision whether they are tax-exempt is made by the tax office at the scholars’ place of residence (i.e. in their home country). The university will notify the tax office Tübingen of all stipend payments of over 1,500 €/year; for possible enquiries by the tax office, fellows should keep a copy of their stipend contract and the university’s stipend guidelines.

Stipends are not subject to social insurance contributions in Germany. That means fellows are legally required to take out health insurance. The university also strongly recommends accident insurance, third party liability insurance, and term life insurance. These need to be paid personally from the stipend.

## FURTHER ASSISTANCE

In addition to financial support, the Centre offers its fellows their own workspace in the shared offices (Wilhelmstr. 12, Tübingen) and thus the direct, everyday exchange to the other resident fellows. Fellows receive a personal IT-account (incl. email address) and chipcard to access all libraries in Tübingen and the corresponding licensed content, the inter-library loan system, and the refectories and cafeterias. In addition, the Centre’s student assistants help with getting and scanning books as well as with technical problems.

Weekly papers, colloquiums and additional workshops provide regular occasion for exchange, not only with other fellows but with scholars in Tübingen. For fellows who will be staying longer in Tübingen, we offer the possibility of organizing their own workshop.

## FELLOWS’ DUTIES

By accepting this scholarship, the fellows agree to dedicate their full labour capacity to the proposed research project. Staying in Tübingen and participating regularly in the Centre’s weekly events is required. Fellows need to obtain permission for any part-time work (including work for the home institution). This work may not comprise more than 40 hours per month. There is no teaching obligation.

Fellows should notify the Centre of all publications made possible by the fellowship. The publication itself should also include a note on the support received (“supported by the German Research Foundation DFG through a fellowship with the Centre for Advanced Research FOR 2496 „Migration and Mobility in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages“).

Organizing travel, accomodation, and all other preparations necessary for their stay (e.g. visa, insurance) is the sole responsibility of the fellows. For international guests, the University Tübingen [Welcome Center](#) can offer their support on these practical matters. To

search for a place to live, we recommend these websites: [WG-gesucht.de](http://WG-gesucht.de) (for flat-sharing as well as small apartments), [Immoscout24.de](http://Immoscout24.de), the rent listings on the regional newspaper “[Schwäbisches Tagblatt](#)” and the [Studierendenwerk](#) (for longer stays), [AirBnB](#) and [Booking.com](#) (recommended for short stays). As a general tip, Tübingen is a very small town and our offices are directly next to the historic town centre as well as the campus district. Any address within the city limits will be well-connected with buses and close enough to bike (although you may want to check a topographical map because there are many hills); there are no dangerous areas.