



Guest Programme Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (MPIeR)

All submitted research projects should suit the Institute's current [research programme](#) and its topics of interest. Research related to the Institute's Focus Areas (consult the research profile for details) will be given priority. Further extraordinary topics are regularly selected as being especially worthy of support.

All guests are expected to actively participate in the Institute's activities. Depending on the duration of the stay, this includes

- attending academic events at the Institute,
- presenting the project at an internal meeting or as a public lecture,
- writing a research paper, which then might appear in one of the MPIeR publication series.

Postdoc and research scholarships, research group scholarship, project-oriented research scholarship

The call for applications for the **Postdoctoral and Research Fellowships** for the subsequent year is published in February in relevant online forums and publications as well as on the Institute's website. These fellowships run for three or six months, usually starting at the beginning of January, April, July or October. The application deadline is 31 May of the year preceding the fellowship, so e.g. the deadline for **2020** fellowships is **31 May 2019**. Applicants should submit all requested document (CV, list of publication, etc.) via the [online application system](#). Furthermore, we request PDF copies of three major publications the applicant has authored within the last five years as well as the contact details of two personal referees be submitted as well.

A key document in the selection process is the project outline (2-4 pages), which should detail the current state of the project as well as plans for its development. This summary should also explain the project's connection to the core topics currently being researched at the Institute.

For 2020 the main areas of research pursued at the Institute are:

[Department I](#) – Professor Stefan Vogenauer

- Legal transfer in the common law world
- History of European Union Law
- Fundamental issues concerning legal reception

[Department II](#) – Professor Thomas Duve

- History of legal historiography: traditions of writing legal history
- Law and diversity: legal historical perspectives
- Glocalizing normativities in Iberian Imperial territories (15th – 19th century)

Only in exceptional cases will research projects not directly related to the Institute's research programme be selected.



A selection committee consisting of the two directors and the research coordinator will evaluate the applications. The committee may include further experts if an application for a **Research Group Fellowship** addresses a specialist core topic.

In exceptional cases applications will be accepted at any time, but the selection committee only meets quarterly to select them (January/April/July/October). Grants for such projects are pending currently available resources, and all applications must be submitted at least six months prior to the planned stay.

Scholarship amounts

The amount of funding awarded depends on the recipient's qualifications. Post-docs receive 2100€ per month and recipients of research fellowships receive 2300€ per month. Applicants must obtain health insurance equivalent to that provided by German Statutory Health Care System for their entire stay. The MPIeR will subsidise 50% of these insurance costs up to a maximum of 100€ per month.

Guest residencies and Use-of-Facilities-Agreements

Fellows holding doctoral degrees who are employed elsewhere can receive compensation for their expenses at a fixed rate for the period of their stay instead of a remunerated fellowship. For further details, please contact the Research Coordinator.

This compensation can, however, only be granted for up to three months and includes 24€ per day in food allowance and 20€ per day for accommodation, assuming the grant recipient does not rent an apartment owned by the institute.

Applications for Guest Residencies and Use-of-Facilities Agreements generally have to be submitted by 31 May of the year preceding the proposed stay, which means that the deadline for **2020** fellowships is **31 May 2019**.

Grant recipients are required to rent one of the Institute's visitor apartments for the duration of their stay, subject to availability. For further information, please see our [website](#).

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