

DIFIS Guest Researcher Programme

Programme Objectives

- Facilitate international networking and collaboration
- Advance interdisciplinary research in Social Policy

Programme Duration

One to two weeks

Who can apply?

We invite applications from researchers and practitioners who specialize in fields related to welfare state research, including but not limited to:

- Comparative and International Social Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Political Science
- Economics
- Law, and other related disciplines

Researchers at all career stages are encouraged to apply, including professors, postdoctoral researchers, and doctoral candidates.

We also warmly welcome applications from practitioners with a strong interest in research and academic collaboration.

Application Process

The following documents must be submitted:

- **Research Field/Issue Network:** Specify the research field or Issue Network in which you plan to work during your stay.
- **Outline of Planned Activities:** Provide a brief outline (one page) of your proposed activities during the stay and explain how they align with DIFIS objectives.
- **Curriculum Vitae:** Include your academic background, training, and professional experience.
- **Relevant Publications:** Submit relevant publications related to the proposed activities.
- **Proposed Date & Length of Stay:** Indicate your proposed date of arrival and the length of your stay.
- **Cost Calculation:** Provide a breakdown of costs associated with your stay.

Expected Outcomes

As a guest researcher at DIFIS, you are expected to:

- **Present Your Research:** Share your findings with our team or at DIFIS workshops and events.
- **Contribute to DIFIS Publications:** Publish in one of our formats, such as the DIFIS Study, Policy Brief, or a contribution to the DIFIS Blog.
- **Optional Opportunities:**
 - Collaborate on joint grant applications or co-author publications.
 - Co-organize or actively participate in DIFIS events and activities.

What we offer?

As part of the DIFIS Guest Researcher Programme, we provide:

- **Travel Costs*:** Coverage of travel expenses to and from Germany (air or rail).
- **Accommodation & Daily Allowance*:** Full accommodation costs and a daily allowance during your stay.
- **Office Space & Infrastructure:** Access to office space, internet, and DIFIS infrastructure, including a laptop if needed.
- **Event Participation:** The opportunity to participate in DIFIS events and workshops.

* according to German Travel Expenses Act (BRKG)

Why should you participate?

- **Interdisciplinary collaboration**
- **Professional development**
- **Networking**

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