

Call for Applications

The Heinz Heinen Kolleg – Center for Advanced Study at the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies (BCDSS) calls for applications for ten fellowships for the academic year 2023/2024

The [Heinz Heinen Kolleg](#) brings together excellent international scholars whose research focuses on different forms of strong asymmetrical dependency and slavery in all historical periods before the 20th century, and all cultural contexts. It is part of the [Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies \(BCDSS\)](#) that hosts the Cluster of Excellence "Beyond Slavery and Freedom. Asymmetric Dependencies in Pre-modern Societies" funded by the German Excellence Strategy. The BCDSS approaches asymmetrical dependencies from antiquity to the present and across many regions in five different [Research Areas](#). These form five different thematic and methodological angles. Each of these Research Areas draws on specific conceptual debates and approaches of the humanities and puts them to the test in order to arrive at a new social history of asymmetrical dependencies. For the academic year of 2023/2024 the Cluster will put a thematic emphasis on [Research Area E "Gender and Intersectionality"](#). Research Area E investigates dependencies associated with gender, sexuality, status, class, ethnicity, religion, age and other historical, anthropological, and representational aspects relevant to explaining differences among persons and human groups, both in past and present societies. It examines how the dynamic and overlapping relationships between categorical markers of social difference and their associated normativities entangle themselves with broader social structures and in this way create, consolidate, strengthen, perpetuate or undermine social dependencies of collectives and individuals throughout history. Research Area E seizes the opportunity for repositioning that an intersectional perspective presents, in order to inscribe it within the theoretical framework of the BCDSS. This means examining both the disadvantaging and the privileging effects involved in all dimensions of social asymmetry, while taking a consciously critical standpoint in relation to, among others, sexism, classism, racialization, ageism, ableism, or heteronormativity, in order to elaborate on the long and arbitrary legacy of exclusions and on the potential of (so-called) marginalized social groups for social change. For Research Area E it is not only essential to integrate marginalized perspectives but also to demonstrate the necessity of understanding relations of power and asymmetry as constituted and co-constitutive factors in all forms of (strong) social dependency.

We invite applications from researchers with a theoretical and/or experiential background who approach the different social positioning of individuals and groups through reflecting on the ways in which such actors (historically) participate in the reproduction of asymmetrical

relations of dependency and/or social exclusion. We welcome a range of individual as well as comparative perspectives, including that of the household, the community, the nation and/or the global. We are interested in project proposals which take into account and reflect upon intersectional aspects from theories and methodologies such as, but not exclusive to, the genealogical approach; social justice and anti-discrimination; critical race theory; structural and post-structuralist intersectionality; gender history and feminism.

The Heinz Heinen Kolleg is calling for applications for **10 scholarships**:

- two Junior Postdoctoral Fellows (max. 6 months after PhD) for up to 12 months;
- two Postdoctoral Fellows (postdocs, assistant and associate professors) for up to 12 months;
- two Senior Fellows (full professors) for up to 12 months;
- two Doctoral Fellows (about to finish their PhD) for up to 6 months;
- two Short Term Fellows for up to 2 months.

Even though the thematic focus of the academic year 2023/2024 at BCDSS will be on the topics of Research Area E, applications for the Heinz Heinen Fellowships connected to and touching on one of the other Research Areas are also welcome.

The fellowship comprises

- a monthly stipend of € 1,550 for doctoral fellows;
- a monthly stipend of € 2,400 for postdocs (up to four years after the dissertation), a monthly stipend of € 3,000 for postdocs (more than four years after the dissertation, assistant/associate professors),
- a monthly stipend of € 3,600 for full professors;
- travel allowance (outward and return journey);
- basic accommodation;
- a working space including a desktop computer at the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies;
- the opportunity to organize a workshop in Bonn and apply for its funding;
- support in organizational matters upon arrival;
- support in finding day care for children.

How to apply

The application consists of the following documents:

For Doctoral Fellows

1. a statement (max. 6 pages) outlining a project description; structure of the thesis; statement on status of the dissertation;

detailed working plan until completion of the doctoral thesis;
the relevance for the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies;
the preferred time period to be spent in Bonn

2. the candidate's concise Curriculum Vitae
3. a list of publications (if applicable)
4. the university degree certificate
5. copy of admission as a doctoral student at the relevant faculty or a current enrolment receipt
6. two letters of recommendation – one of them by the supervisor (sent separately to [application\[at\]dependency.uni-bonn.de](mailto:application[at]dependency.uni-bonn.de))

For Postdoctoral Fellows

1. a statement (max. 4 pages) outlining the candidate's academic interest in the field of dependency and slavery studies; a project description; the relevance for the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies; the preferred time period to be spent in Bonn
2. the candidate's concise Curriculum Vitae
3. a list of principal publications
4. the PhD certificate
5. two letters of recommendation (sent separately to [application\[at\]dependency.uni-bonn.de](mailto:application[at]dependency.uni-bonn.de))

For Senior Fellows

1. a statement (max. 4 pages) outlining the candidate's academic interest in the field of dependency and slavery studies; a project description; the relevance for the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies the preferred time period to be spent in Bonn
2. the candidate's concise Curriculum Vitae#
3. a list of principal publications

Please send your complete application documents in English, combined into one single PDF file to

[application\[at\]dependency.uni-bonn.de](mailto:application[at]dependency.uni-bonn.de).

The application **deadline** is **15 March 2023**.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Successful candidates will be informed by the end of April 2023.

For more information on the Heinz Heinen Kolleg and its fellowships, please see our [website](#).

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