

Are you conducting research into the sustainable use of renewable natural resources?

Do you want to contribute to the solution of urgent environmental problems, in particular in developing and emerging countries?

How can I apply?

The application deadline is 10 June 2009. The earliest possible date for a successful applicant to take up the position is 1 February 2010. For application guidelines, please visit our web site at www.bosch-stiftung.de/juniorprofessorship

How does the Foundation make its selection?

All applications are evaluated by our Advisory Board on Sustainable Use of Renewable Natural Resources, chaired by Prof. Klaus Töpfer, former Executive Director of UNEP.

Eligible applicants will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- :: scientific qualification and potential, reflected in previous research as well as in proposed research,
- :: originality and innovativeness,
- :: strategic relevance of the proposed research for the future of the respective research field in Germany,
- :: international experience and network,
- :: proven capability to work in an international research environment and
- :: potential to obtain a leading position in his or her research field.

The Robert Bosch Stiftung

is one of the major German foundations associated with a private company. Founded in 1964, the Foundation represents the philanthropic and social endeavors of founder Robert Bosch (1861–1942) and fulfills his legacy in a contemporary manner by taking on challenges of modern day society, developing forward-looking concepts, and putting them into practice in exemplary fashion. The Foundation works predominantly in the fields of international understanding, education and public health, and the aims and objectives of modern science.

The Foundation has been supporting agriculture and forestry science since the early nineties, especially by supporting junior research group leaders in the field. In 2006, the Foundation published the first call for applications for the Robert Bosch Junior Professorship Research into the Sustainable Use of Renewable Natural Resources.

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Robert Bosch Junior Professorship
Research into the Sustainable Use
of Renewable Natural Resources

Invitation for Applications in the field of
Global Environmental Change and Health



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If yes, we would like to invite you to apply for the Robert Bosch Junior Professorship Research into the Sustainable Use of Renewable Natural Resources together with a German university or research institution of your choice. Applicants of all nationalities are welcome.

Areas addressed

We are looking for an outstanding young scientist whose research areas concern the sustainable use of renewable natural resources as it relates to agriculture, forestry, fisheries, use of biodiversity (animal and plant genomic resources) and water. Research approaches may be based in the natural sciences as well as in the social, economic, political, medical and public health sciences. The research should focus on developing and emerging countries.

We welcome applications from all areas of research. For this year's call for applications, we would especially like to encourage applications in the following area of research:

Global Environmental Change and Health

Increased environmental change caused by drivers such as climate or land use change, environmental pollution or urbanization has consequences for human health that are poorly understood. Studies should focus on the effect of such a change on the epidemiology of (a) human disease(s) and the potential for adaptation.

Applicants must show that their planned research is a confident and genuinely innovative step into new areas in their field. It should be obvious from your application that you are developing your own scientific profile. Research concepts should be interdisciplinary and integrate research methods that explore interconnections between global and regional environmental problems.

Scope

The successful applicant will be awarded a grant worth up to 1 million euros for a five year period, in order to set up a research group in a German research institution or university. The funds can be allocated flexibly towards covering the candidate's and personnel salaries as well as towards meeting research costs (working lab space, access to resources, equipment, travelling, consumables). If the successful applicant is interested in a tenure track position, the host institution is expected to guarantee the post. This means that it assumes the obligation to install a regular professorship ad personam after expiry of the grant and after a successful evaluation of the performance of the Junior Professor.

Candidate profile

- :: excellent doctorate degree, completed no more than 5 years prior to the application deadline of 10 June 2009 (adjusted for documented parental leave)
- :: compelling independent past scientific achievements and publications in peer-reviewed journals
- :: international research experience
- :: excellent proficiency in English
- :: non-German applicants should be prepared to learn German.