

Are you conducting research into the sustainable use of natural resources? Do you want to contribute to the solution of urgent environmental, developmental and social problems, in particular in developing and emerging countries?

How can I apply?

The application deadline is 13 May 2011. The earliest possible date for a successful applicant to take up the position is 1 March 2012. 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 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 potential for innovation,
- :: 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,
- :: potential to obtain a leading position in his or her research field and
- :: relevance for the developing world.

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 Natural Resources.

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Invitation for Applications



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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 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 natural resources as it relates for example to agriculture, forestry, fisheries, use of biodiversity, water, health and social stability. Research approaches may be based in the natural sciences as well as in the social, developmental, political, medical and public health sciences. The research should focus on developing and emerging countries.

With this program we seek to contribute to a better standing of the emerging field of sustainability science in Germany. Scientists who explore this area with new concepts and methods and possess international experience are especially encouraged to apply.

Promising concepts are interdisciplinary and integrating research methods that explore interconnections between global and regional environmental problems. We expect that research results should contribute to the solution of urgent environmental problems.

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.

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 Robert Bosch Stiftung will support him or her in negotiations with the host institution regarding the installation of 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 13 May 2011 (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.