

Application Guidelines

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

Selection process

The application may be initiated by both partners, e.g. the candidate and a potential host institution. However, the application may only be submitted by the candidate.

The selection process will be a **two-step procedure**. Based on the initial applications, the selection committee will shortlist up to 6 candidates who will be invited to participate in the second round.

First Round

All applications and proposals must be submitted through our online application system. Please use the link to our online application system on www.bosch-stiftung.de/juniorprofessorship.

Closing date for (first round) application is **3 May 2020**.

The following documents are requested:

1. covering letter explaining your motivation and stating your relevant qualifications,
2. detailed and up-to-date CV reflecting your research and teaching experience as well as copies of relevant certificates obtained,
3. list of all publications and list of five favourite publications (please note: these publications should be the five, that applicants consider to be the most important among their scientific work. Reference should only be made to work that has either been published or where publication is accepted, but not yet published. In the case of the latter, papers should be submitted in manuscript form, together with confirmation of acceptance by the publisher.),
4. brief abstract of max. 14 lines and outline of max. 6 pages of your research plans for five years (please refer to criteria mentioned in the call for applications),
5. a document reflecting the present state of your discussion with a possible host institution in Germany or – if already possible – a letter of reference from the host institution.

The Foundation will inform all candidates of the results of this selection round by **15 June 2020**.

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Second Round

Shortlisted applicants will be required to submit the following additional documents by **20 September 2020**:

1. a detailed research plan for the following five years (max. 20 pages) with
 - a brief abstract (max. 15 lines) and keywords on sector and objectives of your research and scientific discipline,
 - introduction to your research area with reference to the latest international results in this area,
 - aims and objectives of the proposed research, including cross-references to the aims of the Junior Professorship program and the research in your host institution, such as possible synergies,
 - detailed research plans, including the dates of when the research should start and end, experimental approaches, methods/techniques, geographic research area(s), milestones,
 - scientific collaborations. Please list names and affiliations of each major co-investigator and indicate their roles in the respective joint projects.
 - outlook on the expected results.
2. a budget plan for five years. A maximum grant of 1.000.000 € may be requested for a period of five years, and may cover up to 90% of all costs. A minimum of 10% of all costs must be covered by the host institution. Your budget plan should contain information on:
 - the estimated amount of total costs of your planned research (including funds from third parties),
 - the amount of your annual gross income as well as the employer's contribution to social security for five years, if it is to be paid by the Robert Bosch Stiftung. If this is not the case, please indicate the source of your income and provide a confirmation of this source (e.g. the host institution or other grant making agencies).
 - an estimated budget of the research items you plan to cover with the funds by the Robert Bosch Foundation, such as annual income of all proposed co-workers, e.g. Ph.D. candidates, technicians etc., research and travel expenditure. Please list consumables and similar items as flat sums.
 - existing grants from other agencies: subject, amount and funding period.
 - planned or submitted additional grant applications to relevant funding agencies: subject, amount of funding and period applied for.
3. a letter from the host institution confirming
 - willingness to host you and provide adequate resources (room, laboratory space, access to research infrastructures and libraries) including an estimate of the monetary value,
 - contributions to your salary and your co-workers, including an estimate of the monetary value,
 - that you will have the same rights and duties as a normal junior professor in the faculty with a confirmation of maximum administrative and teaching duties,
 - (if applicable) confirmation of a tenured position for you after expiry of the grant and successful evaluation by the host institution.

The letters of the host institution must be signed by the Head of Department and the host institution's Head (e.g. President of the university, Director of the research institution).

All shortlisted applicants submitting these documents will be invited to present their plans in front of the selection committee in Stuttgart, Germany, **on 23 October 2020**. The Foundation will cover travel expenses.

Based on the recommendations of the selection committee, the Foundation will make a final decision as to who will receive the grant. The earliest possible date for a successful applicant to take up the position is **1 April 2021**.

Preliminary time schedule

March 2020	Program announcement
3 May 2020	Closing date for first round applications
15 June 2020	Shortlisting of applicants
20 September 2020	Closing date for second round applications
23 October 2020	Selection seminar in Stuttgart
End of October 2020	Final decision
1 April 2021	Earliest possible date for position to be taken up
March/April 2021	Public grant ceremony

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