

Robert Bosch Junior Professorship

Research into the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

Invitation for Applications

Are you conducting research that is both environmentally and socially relevant?

Do you want to contribute to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations?

Are you an excellent researcher with forward-thinking ideas and an inter- or transdisciplinary research approach?



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.

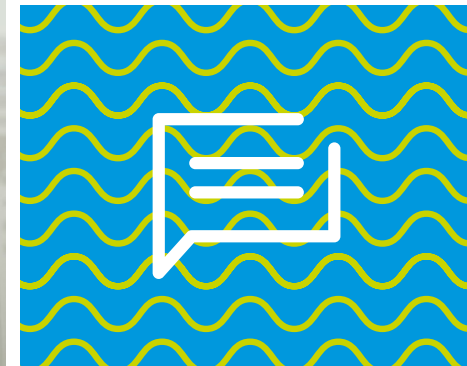
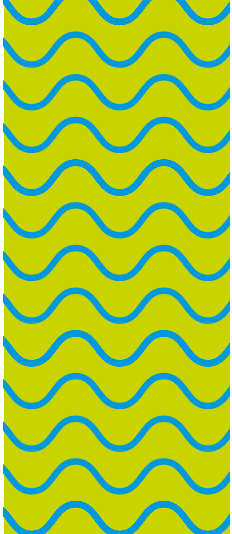
Areas addressed

We are looking for an outstanding young scientist who wants to find new approaches to clarify and tackle global challenges with regard to the sustainable use of natural resources. The research should focus on developing and emerging countries.

We are especially interested in applications that also consider human behaviour in this context. Research approaches may be based in the humanities, the social or the natural sciences.

With this program we seek to contribute to a better standing 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 inter- or transdisciplinary and integrate research methods that explore interconnections between global and regional environmental problems.

Applicants must show that their envisaged research project 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.



Candidate profile

- excellent doctorate degree, completed no more than 5 years prior to the application closing date of 3 May 2020 (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.

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 such as equipment, travelling, or 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.

The host institution is expected to contribute at least 10 per cent of the Foundation's total funding (including contribution in kind).

How can I apply?

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

The application closing date is 3 May 2020. The earliest possible date for a successful applicant to take up the position is 1 April 2021.

How does the Foundation make its selection?

All applications are evaluated by an international committee of experts.

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

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is one of Europe's largest foundations associated with a private company and has managed the philanthropic bequest of its founder Robert Bosch for over 50 years. Indeed it was his entrepreneurial vision, political far-sightedness, moral fortitude and charitable initiatives that set the standards for the work of the Robert Bosch Stiftung. Today the Foundation is active in the areas of health, science, society, education, and international relations.

The Foundation has been supporting junior research group leaders since the early 1990s.

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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