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Helmholtz International Fellow Award
for Excellent Researchers and Science Managers from Abroad

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On February 1, the Helmholtz Association published the call for proposals for the Helmholtz International Fellow Award of the year 2019. This call with all individual documents can be found on the homepage of the Helmholtz Association under Helmholtz Calls for Applications at https://www.helmholtz.de/en/current_topics/current_calls_for_applications/.

The award is intended to intensify the existing cooperation between Helmholtz Centers and foreign research institutions and to strengthen the links between Helmholtz researchers and excellent international colleagues. It is also intended to further increase the Helmholtz Association's international visibility as an outstanding research institution and attractive cooperation partner. Finally, a multiplier effect is hoped for: Helmholtz International Fellows can act as "ambassadors" for the Helmholtz Association and promote further networking and cooperation with their country of origin and/or their home institution. The KIT (as large-scale research sector and university sector) is entitled to apply.

The award is aimed at outstanding scientists (senior scientists) and research managers from abroad who have distinguished themselves through their work in areas relevant to Helmholtz and who already have a cooperation with a Helmholtz Center. International experience in the scientific management of foreign research institutions is also taken into account in the selection process. Nominations of qualified female scientists are particularly welcome. The prize is awarded in recognition of the scientific merits and personality of the awardee and is endowed with a total of **20,000 euros**.

The most important criteria are the scientific performance of the nominee, his/her international reputation, and the compatibility of the research area or project with the activities of the proposing Helmholtz Center. Eligible are German or foreign researchers who work abroad and do not have an

employment contract with a Helmholtz Center. In particular, the award will be given to individuals who already work successfully with Helmholtz Centers.

Nominations can be submitted using the provided [template](#) in English by KIT researchers and scientists to the International Affairs (INTL) Business Unit with the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae and
- list of publications (including a short list of key publications) of the candidate.

Candidates are assumed to agree to act as Helmholtz International Fellows and accept the prize money if the selection process is successful.

Self-applications are not accepted.

In the year 2019, KIT will have two internal submission deadlines:

March 26, 2019

(Shortlisting/decision of the Helmholtz Association in May 2019)

August 13, 2019

(Shortlisting/decision of the Helmholtz Association in October 2019)

Please send the documents by email **in an editable format** to oliver.kaas@kit.edu at the International Affairs Business Unit (INTL).

Applications will be submitted to the Helmholtz Association after an internal pre-selection by the Executive Board of KIT. The Helmholtz Executive Committee will select the best candidates from the proposals received.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Oliver Kaas, who will coordinate the internal selection process, by phone at 0721 / 608 45323 or by email at oliver.kaas@kit.edu.

Yours sincerely,



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