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

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On January 19, the Helmholtz Association announced the Helmholtz International Fellow Award for the year 2020. The call for proposals 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/](https://www.helmholtz.de/en/current_topics/current_calls_for_applications/)

The award is intended to help 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 area and university sector) is entitled to apply for funding.

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 or several Helmholtz Centers. 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 and the compatibility of the research area or project with the activities of the proposing Helmholtz Center. Eligible are German or foreign persons 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 business unit International Affairs (INTL) with the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae
- 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 2020, KIT will have two internal submission deadlines:

**April 9, 2020**

(Shortlisting/decision of the Helmholtz Association in June 16, 2020)

**September 07, 2020**

(Shortlisting/decision of the Helmholtz Association in November 10, 2020)

Please send the documents by e-mail **in an editable format** to [oliver.kaas@kit.edu](mailto:oliver.kaas@kit.edu) at the business unit International Affairs (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 e-mail at [oliver.kaas@kit.edu](mailto:oliver.kaas@kit.edu).

Yours sincerely,

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