

THE MARBACH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for fellowships must hold a university degree.

Eligibility for **Postdoctoral Fellowships** requires applicants to have completed a doctoral thesis or a comparable academic achievement. More highly qualified applicants (habilitated or tenured candidates, independent academic researchers and editors) are also eligible to apply.

Candidates for **Graduate Fellowships** must have a completed university degree and submit a letter of recommendation from their academic supervisor. A relation in content between the proposed project and the doctoral dissertation or equivalent scholarly work should be demonstrated.

MA Residency Fellowships (free accommodation at the *Collegienhaus*, for up to one month) may also be granted to Master's students (exam candidates for Master's, diploma, and teaching degree programmes) who are working on highly promising source-based exam projects. In this case, candidates are required to provide degree certificates, a project outline, and a letter of recommendation from their academic supervisor.

Conditions

Relevance of Archival Collections

Candidates must demonstrate the direct relevance of the Archive's unique collection of manuscripts, library, special media collections, or art collections for their respective research projects. Surveys and projects lacking a clear connection to the Archive's holdings will not be considered.

Residential Requirement/Wednesday Seminar

Successful applicants are residential fellows, and are expected to be present at the German Literature Archive in Marbach for the duration of their fellowship. Fellows are desired to present their respective projects within the framework of a Wednesday Seminar, after consultation with their research advisor at the German Literature Archive.

Income

Fellowships are neither taxable nor subject to social security contributions. Fellows must avail themselves of their stipends within 12 months of the award date. If fellows are unable to fulfil the fellowship's stated requirements, they must notify the German Literature Archive of their reasons in writing. In agreement with the Archive, fellowships may be split into two phases. Should a fellow continue to receive a portion of their regular salary during the fellowship, the stipend will be reduced if the total exceeds the fellow's regular net salary. It is not possible for fellows to avail themselves of more than one fellowship simultaneously to finance their research stay at the Archive.

Revocation

Fellowships are subject to revocation. A stipend may be recalled if it is determined that the information provided in the application documents is incorrect or the relevant commitments are not fulfilled. A stipend may be partially recalled if the final report is not submitted by the deadline. In the case of a change in a fellow's personal or financial situation, the stipend may be adjusted.

Final Report

At the end of their stay, or within four weeks after the end of the fellowship, fellows are required to complete a report on their work; a corresponding form is available. The report should address the progress and outcome of research completed at the German Literature Archive, indicate the archival materials used in Marbach, and state the intended plan for publication. Comments and suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

Application

As a rule, applications are accepted online via the application portal. The application deadlines are 31 March and 30 September.

Application portal: <https://www.dla-marbach.de/en/research/the-marbach-scholarship-program/>

The application should include:

- a cover letter
- an abstract (10 lines)
- a brief description of the project, the current state of research in the respective field, preliminary work completed by the applicant, and a work schedule (total of max. 6 pages)
- a CV, list of publications, and degree certificates
- a letter of recommendation from the academic supervisor (mandatory in the case of MA Residency and Graduate Fellowships; optional in the case of Postgraduate Fellowships; not required in the case of more highly qualified applicants)

Selection and Notification

Fellowships will be awarded based on the academic qualifications of the applicant, the significance of the project for the relevant field of research, and the significance of the German Literature Archive's collections for the proposed project. In addition to a description of the research proposal, successful applicants will take these aspects into consideration. There is no legal entitlement to the fellowship.

Fellows are selected by a committee of the German Schiller Society. Decisions are generally announced in early June and early December.

Collegienhaus

During their stay, fellows have the option of residing at the *Collegienhaus*, a guest house owned and operated by the German Schiller Society. Fellows are expected to cover accommodation costs themselves and are eligible for the reduced fellowship rate. This does not apply to MA Residency Fellowships. Members of the German Schiller Society are entitled to a 5 percent price reduction. Fellows are responsible for booking accommodation at the *Collegienhaus* themselves. The awarding of a fellowship does not guarantee a room at the *Collegienhaus*.

Contact: collegienhaus@dl-marbach.de

Additional information: <https://www.dla-marbach.de/en/service/collegium-house/>

Insurance

For the duration of their fellowship, fellows are required to have health and accident insurance valid in the Federal Republic of Germany. Fellows must be able to present proof of insurance on request. Fellowships cannot commence without valid insurance.

Source of Funding

The German Schiller Society receives funding for the »Marbach Fellowships« from the Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Baden-Württemberg, as well as from various donors, companies, and foundations. The financial source of the fellowship will be disclosed should the funding be provided by a private donor.

Publications

It is expected that results of the research conducted during the fellowship will be published, in which case the German Literature Archive must receive a deposit copy of the pending publication. Publications are expected to recognise the support of the awarded fellowship, in the form provided in the fellowship notification letter, for example: »With the support of a Marbach Fellowship ...« or »Marbach Fellowship, funded by ...«.

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