

R3 Career Support 2026 International Liaison Fellowships



Goethe University and Johanna Quandt Young Academy @Goethe (JQYA) are offering fellowships to foster international scientific exchange and networking in 2026 as part of the R3 Career Support Program.

The JQYA provides a platform for interdisciplinary discourse among outstanding early career researchers affiliated with Goethe University and the Rhine-Main Universities Alliance (RMU). It offers financial support and diverse opportunities to develop and shape a distinctive, independent academic profile in a global context. By fostering freedom in scientific research, the JQYA promotes effective career development in the R3 phase, nurtures scientific potential for future academic leadership, and contributes to the continued advancement of excellence at Goethe University and across the RMU. Through the R3 Career Support Program, we actively foster the growth of scientific networks both within the RMU and internationally.

We aim to attract outstanding researchers from Goethe University to the JQYA as Associated Fellows, particularly advanced postdocs who have secured their own third-party funding and are setting up their research group at Goethe University and within the RMU framework.

Application deadline: 01.03.2026

Funding:

Grants up to €7 500, funded indirectly by the German Research Foundation (DFG), as reimbursement for travel and accommodation costs (no conference fees), organization of international workshops within the RMU (e.g. travel and accommodation for guest speakers), or Open Access publications with international partners (subject to prior approval by the [University Library](#)). Reimbursement deadline: Nov. 1, 2026.

Applicants:

Postdocs and junior research group leaders from Goethe University (advanced R2 and R3 phase, with an independent application for third-party funding), within six years after completing their PhD. Child-rearing periods are taken into account (2 years per child).

Application documents:

- Motivation letter outlining the engagement of the applicant's research with the [JQYA academy topic](#), including budget calculation, timeline, and details of the travel purpose, planned workshop, or publication (<4 000 characters with spaces)
- Curriculum Vitae ([DFG CV form](#)), incl. ResearcherID / ORCID, and completed [application form](#)
- Official invitation / letter of intent from the hosting institute, signed by the executive PI
- Confirmation of the University Library (journal eligibility and licensing for open access publications)

Please submit all documents in one PDF file with bookmarks, named "R3CS_2026_Line2_Surname"

Contact:

Please address your application or queries to Goethe University's Research Support and Scientific Career Development Department at ecr@uni-frankfurt.de, subject "R3CS_2026_Line2"

