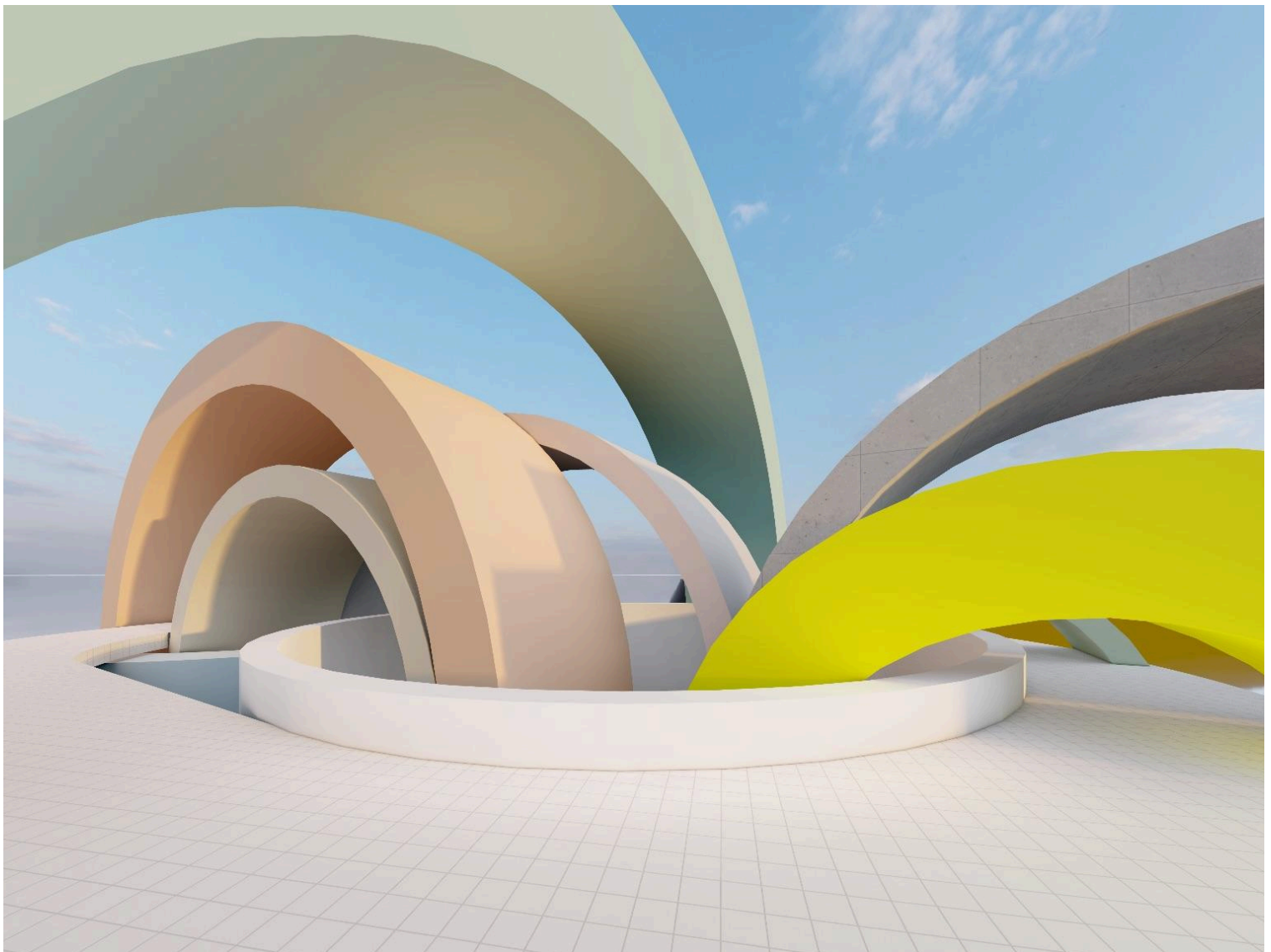


Friedrich Schiedel Fellowship

Frequently Asked Questions

Hosted by TUM School of Social Sciences and Technology
and the TUM Think Tank



1. Are there any eligibility criteria which I need to be aware of?

The fellowship program targets post-doctoral researchers and late-stage PhD candidates at TUM. Post-doctoral researchers should have completed their doctorate less than three years ago (at the date of application). PhD candidates need to hand-in their thesis within the next twelve months (at the date of application).

For tax purposes, the fellowship must be separated from the employment in terms of time, place and purpose („Das Stipendium muss von dem Beschäftigungsverhältnis zeitlich, örtlich und sachlich getrennt sein.“).

2. What is the funding duration and amount of the fellowship?

Fellows can apply flexibly for a fellowship from 3 months up to 12 months, and a maximum amount of 20.000€.

3. What can I use the funding of the fellowship for?

The fellowship can be used flexibly and in various ways:

- Monthly stipend for the individual fellow (nota bene: this is not possible for candidates who already have a 100% contract at TUM);
- Hiring research assistants;
- Buying project-relevant infrastructure (hard- / software);
- Organizing workshops and other related activities.

4. Are there any mandatory substantive requirements for my project?

Proposals need to have a clear and concise cross-/interdisciplinary perspective combining social sciences with other disciplines from TUM's broad portfolio, such as natural sciences, engineering, life sciences, economics, health sciences, and medicine.

Furthermore, we are especially looking for projects that are action-oriented (compared to “purely theoretical-work”), and that aim for translational impact within society, the private and/or the public sector.

5. Do I need a sponsor to apply for the fellowship program?

Yes. In order to apply for the fellowship program, you must have two sponsors: one professor from the TUM School of Social Science and Technology and one professor from a second school at TUM. With your application, you need to send in the two letters of recommendation. Your sponsors serve as supervisors and partners if the fellowship is granted.

6. Where will I be located once I become a Schiedel Fellow for Technology in Society?

Our fellows will be hosted at the TUM Think Tank, located in the heart of Munich. The TUM Think Tank is a research-to-action institute to strengthen the knowledge exchange and transfer between academia on the one hand, and civil society, business and the public sector, on the other hand. It creates spaces and formats for dialogue, co-learning and co-experimentation and actively supports researchers with disseminating and communicating their findings to stakeholders and the wider public.

Fellows will be provided with co-working spaces and will have access to all community spaces of the TUM Think Tank, including lounge area, rooms for events and workshops.

7. Are there additional benefits available for the fellows?

Yes, Friedrich Schiedel Fellows for Technology in Society will be supported to apply for third-party funding during their fellowship. The TUM Talent Factory offers individual advice on funding possibilities and workshops. Furthermore, fellows will be part of the TUM Think Tank community, which includes, inter alia, access to all events workshops, networking with partners of the wider network, and the opportunity to participate in initiatives organized by the TUM Think Tank.

8. How can I apply for the fellowship program?

To apply for the fellowship program, the following documents are required:

- the filled out application form
- latest Curriculum Vitae, including 5 most important publications (max. 4 pages)

- two letters of support from the two professors who sponsor your application (one from the TUM SOT and one from a different TUM school)
- for PhD candidates only: a letter of confirmation from the PhD supervisor that you will hand in your PhD / finish the PhD within the next twelve months

9. How is the selection process organized?

Applications will be first checked against the outlined formal selection criteria. Final decisions will be made by the fellowship appointment committee, which includes representatives from the TUM School of Social Science and Technology and the TUM Think Tank.

10. On what basis will my proposal be evaluated?

Evaluation is based on the following criteria:

academic excellence of the nominated fellow

relevance and originality of the proposed research project within the purpose of the fellowship program

current or future synergies with the TUM hosts

societal impact (e.g., beyond academia) of the project

11. Whom should I contact if I have questions about the application process?

Please send your questions at schiedel-fellowship@sot.tum.de. Please

12. Can I submit multiple proposals?

No. Applications are only possible for one project.

13. Can I re-apply with a new or updated proposal after being turned down in a previous application?

Yes. You can re-apply with a completely new project or an updated version of a previous application.

14. How many calls for fellowships are planned?

For starters, we will solicit applications on a bi-annual basis. We will evaluate the need for fellowships as well as the program itself after the first year of operation and based on the fellows' feedback.