Rising Star: Junior Fellowships in the Department of Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy (BCP)

The Rising Star Fellowship Program of the Department of Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy seeks to attract outstanding early-career researchers (who have completed their doctorates within the last four years) – preferably from abroad. The Rising Star fellows will take part in the research activities of their host-research groups, will be absorbed into existing research networks (SFBs, BBIB, PhD research groups, etc.) and will publish their results together with them. One purpose of the fellowship programme is to identify suitable applicants for future Tenure Track Professorships and facilitate applications for ERC Starting Grants and other junior programmes.

Fellowship specifications and duration
The fellowship is valued at 2,500 € per month for two years. Additional benefits for the Rising Star fellows are:

- monthly mobility allowance of 100 € for conferences, research trips etc., no application necessary. (No other travel or conference support will be provided.)
- allowances for accompanying family members (monthly allowance of 276 € for spouses; 204 € for each child, provided there is no entitlement to child benefit)
- in the case of single-parents accompanied by children: 400 € per month for the first child and 100 € per month for each additional child
- a one-off subsidy of 800 € towards research costs
- where applicable: a contribution towards health insurance amounting to 70 € per month.

Applications
Applications will be accepted from international researchers who have completed their doctorate within the last four years. The following documents must be submitted online:

- CV with list of publications
- Project outline with specific plans as to the cooperation with research groups at Freie Universität of 2 to max. 4 pages
- References from two research groups within BCP

- The Fellowship Program is intended to forge new connections and to further interdisciplinary research.
  - Research fellows may not have had any close relationship with Freie Universität. Former doctoral graduates and employees of Freie Universität cannot be considered.
  - Successful applicants may apply for a grant for one of the groups.
  - Applicants whose research projects span two research groups from two different institutes within the department BCP have a higher chance of success.

- Applications must be submitted to the dean of the BCP faculty by November 30, 2019.

Data
The applicants and the research groups agree to the publication of their programme-related data (for purposes such as press releases or advertising).