

Call of the Visiting Scholar Program 2026:

With the Visiting Scholar Program, professors who invite international guest researchers to Chemnitz contribute to the scientific performance, enrichment of university teaching and the international visibility of our university. The Visiting Scholar Program is aimed at tandems of **excellent international guest researchers** and professors of Chemnitz University of Technology (TUC) who have been successfully conducting research together. The program supports research stays of outstanding international guest researchers in Chemnitz for a period of three to six months.

What are the requirements international guests have to meet for the program?

- prominent position as professor or experienced postdoc at a university or research institute abroad
- proven successful cooperation with the hosting professorship at Chemnitz University of Technology through joint projects or publications
- specific joint research project to be carried out during the stay in Chemnitz which ideally leads to a joint research proposal,
- the visiting scholar's employment relationship with the home institution continues during the research stay in Chemnitz

In the event that a visiting scholar has already received funding in the past through the Visiting Scholar Program, an application is possible, but may reduce the chances of the application being approved when viewed in the context of all applications submitted. A maximum of two grants will be awarded per visiting scholar.

What does the sponsorship for the visiting scholar include?

- one-time, country-dependent lump sum for travel expenses for arrival and departure to/from Chemnitz
- for full professors, associate professors, reader etc. a monthly expense allowance of 3,000 Euro for up to 6 months
- for assistant professors, lecturers, postdocs etc. a monthly expense allowance of 2,000 Euro for up to 6 months

Which framework conditions have to be fulfilled?

- Start of the stay in the year 2026
- The stay in Chemnitz lasts between 3 and 6 months.
- The visiting scholar continues to work for his/her home institution during his/her stay in Chemnitz.
- Expenses for the realization of the stay, in particular consumables, are to be borne by the hosting professorship.
- The stay can be separated into a maximum of two parts. However, the lump sum for travel expenses will only be reimbursed once.
- Willingness for the Visiting Scholar to participate in teaching, such as through guest lectures.
- Mandatory participation of visiting scholars in the evaluation of their stay*
- Report on the stay by the hosting professorship*

* Participation in the evaluation by the visiting scholar and the report by the hosting professorship must be completed and submitted within four months of the end of the stay. Failure to comply may result in the funding being reclaimed.

Please note: Applicants from Russian research institutions cannot be considered in the current call for proposals. An important objective of the Visiting Scholar Program is the promotion of research cooperation with a view to applying for joint (large-scale) research projects. According to the Rector's Newsletter 13/2022 of 03.03.2022 (Open Letter from the President Regarding the War in Ukraine), institutional research collaborations with Russian institutions are currently on hold.

How does the application process work?

International guest researchers can submit applications to the International Office together with the hosting professorship. The International Office submits all complete applications received on time to the University Management.

Which documents are to be submitted?

- Jointly completed [application for the Visiting Scholar Program](#) with (electronic/digitised) signatures of the Visiting Scholar and the host professorship of the TUC.
- Project description* by the Visiting Scholar and the host professorship (max. 2 pages)
- CV incl. usual information (list of publications/teaching experience)
- PhD certificate
- Confirmation of the home institution regarding the continuation of the employment relationship during the stay in Chemnitz

*The project description contains a brief description of the proposed research project and extensively describes the previous intensity of the cooperation between the Visiting Scholar and the host professorship. In addition, the tasks of the Visiting Scholar at TUC are described, and the goals and expected benefits of the research stay for the professorship and TUC are explained.

When is the application deadline?

Applications can be submitted until 30th November 2025.

You can send us your application in two ways:

via TUCcloud:

Please combine all documents in one PDF document, name this file clearly with your name and upload it to TUCcloud using the link mytuc.org/rmyb

We recommend single data or content encryption when uploading the application documents. Please refrain from sending the application documents additionally by email. We will confirm the upload of your application documents by e-mail within 3 days.

via regular mail:

Chemnitz University of Technology
International Office
Visiting Scholar Program
09107 Chemnitz/ Germany

Applications received too late or incomplete will not be considered for the selection decision.

Who answers questions about the program?

The Visiting Scholar Program is administered by the International Office of Chemnitz University of Technology. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Höber (phone +49 371 531-37915 or e-mail visitingsscholar@tu-chemnitz.de).

Please visit www.tu-chemnitz.de/visitingsscholar for further details on the Visiting Scholar Program.

Funding conditions in the Visiting Scholar Program

Monthly allowance

Visiting scholars receive a monthly allowance to cover the additional costs incurred during their stay abroad. The allowance is intended to cover costs in Chemnitz such as rent, local transport, meals and health insurance, etc.

Absences from Chemnitz during the Visiting Scholar Program

The goal of the Visiting Scholar Program is that the international guests and host professorships conduct research together in Chemnitz. Participation in conferences or workshops of usual length outside of Chemnitz is of course possible for visiting scholars.

Absences of more than two weeks per funding month must be reported to the IUZ. For these absences only a reduced expense allowance will be paid.

Travel expenses

Visiting scholars receive a one-time travel allowance depending on the country in which they start their journey to Chemnitz. The travel allowance is intended to cover the costs of flight, train or bus tickets for the journey to and from Chemnitz and – if applicable – costs occurred by applying for visa. The travel allowance is paid as a lump sum at the beginning of the stay in Chemnitz. There is no requirement to provide proof of individual expenses for the trip.

Tax and social security liability

Please be sure to note that the payment of the living allowance (Aufwandsentschädigung) on the part of Chemnitz University of Technology is made without deduction of taxes, as the deduction of taxes depends on the personal circumstances of the Visiting Scholar. However, Chemnitz University of Technology is obliged to inform the competent tax authorities about the total amount of annual payments exceeding the limit of 3,000 EUR (Notification Ordinance of September 7, 1993, BGBl. I p. 1154 as amended). This is the case for grants in the Visiting Scholar Program. Subsequently, the tax authorities will ask the grantees to submit a German personal income tax return, for which we recommend consulting with tax experts with knowledge of international tax law.

Overview of travel allowance for selected countries:

Country of origin	Lump sum for travel expenses
Argentina	2.000,00 €
Afghanistan	1.550,00 €
Albania	675,00 €
Algeria	675,00 €
Andorra	475,00 €
Angola	1.450,00 €
Antigua and Barbuda	2.600,00 €
Equatorial Guinea	2.050,00 €
Armenia	925,00 €
Azerbaijan	850,00 €
Ethiopia	1.250,00 €
Australia	1.950,00 €
Egypt	1.100,00 €
Bahamas	2.150,00 €
Bangladesch	1.575,00 €
Barbados	2.600,00 €
Belarus	575,00 €
Belgium	300,00 €
Belize	1.975,00 €
Benin	1.575,00 €
Bhutan	1.575,00 €
Bolivia	2.450,00 €
Bosnia und Herzegovina	600,00 €
Botsuana	1.900,00 €
Brazil	1.875,00 €
Bulgaria	525,00 €
Burundi	1.575,00 €
Burkina Faso	1.575,00 €
Chile	1.850,00 €
China	1.075,00 €
Cook Islands	3.900,00 €
Costa Rica	2.250,00 €
Denmark	300,00 €
Dominican Republic	2.900,00 €
Estonia	475,00 €
Ecuador	1.875,00 €
El Salvador	2.700,00 €
Eritrea	1.350,00 €
Fiji	3.900,00 €

Country of origin	Lump sum for travel expenses
Liechtenstein	325,00 €
Lithuania	450,00 €
Luxembourg	375,00 €
Malaysia	1.600,00 €
Malawi	2.300,00 €
Madagascar	1.950,00 €
Maldives	1.625,00 €
Mali	1.950,00 €
Malta	575,00 €
Martinique	2.600,00 €
Mauritania	1.675,00 €
Mauritius	1.950,00 €
Moldova	500,00 €
Morocco	1.025,00 €
Mexico	2.000,00 €
Monaco	500,00 €
Montenegro	700,00 €
Myanmar	2.100,00 €
Mongolia	1.900,00 €
Mozambique	2.350,00 €
Nepal	1.625,00 €
Nicaragua	2.600,00 €
Niger	1.525,00 €
Nigeria	1.575,00 €
North Macedonia	650,00 €
Namibia	2.150,00 €
New Zealand	3.900,00 €
Netherlands	350,00 €
Norway	275,00 €
Oman	1.375,00 €
Austria	300,00 €
Pakistan	1.575,00 €
Paraguay	2.100,00 €
Palestinian Territories	800,00 €
Peru	2.125,00 €
Panama	1.725,00 €
Papua-New Guinea	3.900,00 €
Philippines	2.025,00 €
Poland	400,00 €

Finland	425,00 €
France	425,00 €
Gambia	1.325,00 €
Gabun	1.600,00 €
Ghana	1.450,00 €
Greece	550,00 €
Georgia	875,00 €
Grenada	2.600,00 €
Guadeloupe	2.600,00 €
Guinea	1.475,00 €
Guayana	2.300,00 €
Guyana	2.300,00 €
Great Britain	350,00 €
Haiti	6.075,00 €
Honduras	2.725,00 €
Hong Kong	1.325,00 €
Iraq	1.200,00 €
India	1.375,00 €
Indonesia	1.525,00 €
Ireland	525,00 €
Israel	800,00 €
Iran	1.100,00 €
Italy	475,00 €
Iceland	975,00 €
Jamaica	2.600,00 €
Yemen	1.375,00 €
Japan	1.700,00 €
Jordan	1.125,00 €
Cambodia	2.100,00 €
Cameroon	2.000,00 €
Kap Verde	1.675,00 €
Qatar	1.275,00 €
Kenya	1.575,00 €
Kyrgyzstan	950,00 €
Comoros	1.525,00 €
Canada (East)	1.525,00 €
Canada (West)	1.775,00 €
Kazakhstan	975,00 €
Kuwait	925,00 €

Portugal	725,00 €
Reunion	1.950,00 €
Rwanda	1.575,00 €
Russian Federation (Asian Part)	1.000,00 €
Russian Federation (European Part)	675,00 €
Romania	450,00 €
Samoa	3.900,00 €
Zambia	1.950,00 €
San Marino	475,00 €
Saudi Arabia	1.250,00 €
Senegal	1.325,00 €
Seychelles	1.950,00 €
Zimbabwe	2.125,00 €
Singapore	1.550,00 €
Sweden	300,00 €
Somalia	1.250,00 €
Sri Lanka	1.625,00 €
Schweiz	325,00 €
Serbia	400,00 €
Slovakia	300,00 €
Slovenia	475,00 €
Spain (mainland/ Balearic Islands)	550,00 €
Spain Kanary Islands	1.025,00 €
South Africa	2.025,00 €
Sudan	1.425,00 €
South Sudan	1.250,00 €
Swaziland	2.025,00 €
Syria	1.200,00 €
Taiwan	1.750,00 €
Thailand	1.425,00 €
Tajikistan	1.600,00 €
Tahiti	3.900,00 €
Tanzania	1.525,00 €
Togo	2.050,00 €
Tonga	3.900,00 €
Chad	3.625,00 €
Turkmenistan	1.325,00 €
Czech Republic	400,00 €
Tunisia	925,00 €

Croatia	475,00 €
Kosovo	600,00 €
Congo, Democrat. Republic	1.725,00 €
Congo	2.150,00 €
Korea, Democrat. People's Republic	1.875,00 €
Colombia	1.725,00 €
South Korea	1.550,00 €
Cuba	2.150,00 €
Latvia	475,00 €
Laos	2.100,00 €
Lebanon	875,00 €
Lesotho	2.025,00 €
Liberia	2.175,00 €

Turkey	550,00 €
Uganda	1.575,00 €
Uruguay	2.525,00 €
Uzbekistan	1.150,00 €
Ukraine	450,00 €
Hungary	300,00 €
US (East)	1.400,00 €
US (West)	1.675,00 €
Vietnam	1.725,00 €
United Arab Emirates	1.200,00 €
Venezuela	2.300,00 €
Cyprus	975,00 €
Central African Republic	2.000,00 €

If countries are not listed, the calculation of the travel allowance is based on the geographical proximity to neighboring countries as well as on the economic situation in the respective country.

Exclusion of double funding

Please note that funding in the Visiting Scholar Program is generally not possible if you already receive financial support for your stay in Chemnitz from other funding organizations. Should you receive additional funding from another funding organization during the selection process or during your stay in Chemnitz within the Visiting Scholar Program, you are obliged to notify Chemnitz University of Technology of this additional funding.