

Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants

Information Leaflet

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I. Max Weber Foundation Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants

The Max Weber Foundation (MWS) offers academics with an international focus in their qualification phase the opportunity to conduct short-term research projects in the host countries of the Foundation's international institutes/branches (please see the current note below). Moreover, it offers grants for research placements at the Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History in Jerusalem. The aim of the program is to promote transnational and transregional research and to create connections between the academic cultures of the Foundation's host countries and Germany. Funding is granted for up to three months (at most one month per host country) and may be used for placements in at least two and at most three host countries and regions home to the Foundation's institutes and branches. Depending on the chosen host country and on availability, academics may be able to lodge in inexpensive guest rooms at the foreign institute in question.

II. Eligibility for travel grants

Feldman travel grants can be awarded within a period of up to two years for a total of three short-term research placements in the host countries of the Max Weber Foundation's foreign institutes/branches or at the Richard Koebner Minerva Center for Germany History. Recipients are expected to conduct their research project at two or three MWS institutes. Research placements in Germany are only eligible for funding if the recipient plans at least two more stays at the foreign institutes or the Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History. Research placements in the country of the scientist's main place of residence are not eligible for grants, and applications to that effect will not be considered. For placements in Germany, a letter confirming supervision from the host institution in Germany is required at the time of application. Grants do not include any funds for the time between research placements. The grant is paid as an allowance for foreign studies¹ and varies depending on the host country:

¹ Guided by the basic foreign service pay of the German Research Foundation, incl. adjustment of purchasing power, www.dfg.de/foerderung/programme/einzelfoerderung/forschungsstipendien/stipendienrechner/index.jsp (retrieved on May 30, 2023). Daily rates for Germany are guided by those of the Fulbright Commission, www.fulbright.de/programs-for-u-s-americans/students/study-and-research-at-a-german-university (retrieved on May 30, 2023).

Place visited	Daily rate
Lebanon, Beirut	€ 53
Turkey, Istanbul	€ 44
Israel, Jerusalem	€ 58
Egypt, Cairo	€ 53
Great Britain, London	€ 34
India, New Delhi	€ 53
France, Paris	€ 33
Czech Republic, Prague	€ 35
Italy, Rome	€ 26
Singapore	€ 53
Japan, Tokyo	€ 62
Lithuania, Wilna	€ 41
Poland, Warsaw	€ 38
USA, Washington	€ 48
China, Beijing	€ 53
Germany	€ 30

In case of a placement abroad, documented travel costs incurred for the outward and return journey will also be reimbursed. Travel expenses incurred for further travel in the host country *after* arrival there are not eligible for reimbursement. When planning the travel, the continuously updated information from the authorities, in particular from the [Robert Koch Institute](#), and the relevant travel information from the [Federal Foreign Office](#) must be observed. The travels are at the recipients of Feldman travel grants own responsibility. Depending on the situation, the start of the travel can be postponed.

Important note: Due to the current situation, it is not possible to apply for travel grants for Russia this year. When applying for travel grants for China, please note that on-site support cannot be guaranteed throughout. Please direct any queries in this regard to:

feldman@maxweberstiftung.de

III. Conditions for applications

Humanities and social science academics with an international focus as well as humanities and social science academics of any citizenship who are in their qualification phase (PhD, habilitation or a corresponding qualification phase) may apply if they

1. were awarded an excellent or very good grade for their last qualification (at least Master, M.A., German state examination or German Diplom),
2. have published (not required for applications by PhD students),

3. can present a research plan,
4. have a good command of the language(s) required for the research project.

A re-application is only possible if this has been explicitly stated in the rejection letter.

Employees and scholarship holders of the MWS are excluded from the application process.

IV. Application procedure

The papers required for a written application can be downloaded from the website of the MWS (see www.maxweberstiftung.de/feldman). Please submit your application by email to: feldman@maxweberstiftung.de

A complete application will comprise the following documents (in German or English):

- the completed application form;
- a detailed presentation (max. 2000 words) of the intended research project, stating the sources which justify a stay in the specific host countries or at the institutes;
- copies of certificates (examinations, PhD certificate)
- list of publications (not mandatory for the applications of PhD students);
- a reference opinion from an expert which should provide information on the applicant's status and the progress of work and be sent directly from the reviewer by e-mail (feldman@maxweberstiftung.de) to the Max Weber Foundation's central office;
- a letter confirming supervision by the host institution in Germany is **mandatory** if a research stay in Germany is planned.

Deadline for applications: 6 October 2023 (23:59 CET).

V. Selection criteria

- Academic excellence
- Transnational and/or comparative topic
- Submitted project contributes to further academic qualification

The selection committee will presumably meet at the beginning of December 2023. Grants can be called forward from January 2024.

Please send your application papers by post or, preferably, by email, to:
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For more information, see:

www.maxweberstiftung.de/feldman