

Interdisciplinary Fellowships Call for Applications 2015-16

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The Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society invites applications for its 2015–16 cohort of postdoctoral and senior fellows. The fellowship program, directed by Christof Mauch (LMU Munich) and Helmuth Trischler (Deutsches Museum) is designed to bring together excellent scholars who are working in environmental history and related disciplines.

The center will award fellowships to scholars from a variety of countries and disciplines. Applicants' research and writing should ideally pertain to the central theme of the RCC - **transformations in environment and society**. Research at the RCC is concerned with questions of the interrelationship between environmental and social changes, and in particular the reasons—the social, political, cultural, and environmental factors—behind these transformations. The concept of “transformations” gives us an adjustable lens that allows us to keep in our sights a vast range of changes—from the quick adjustments in human behavior that interest sociologists to the gradual changes over millennia that are central for geologists and climatologists, and of course the short- and long-term shifts that fascinate historians and philosophers.

To promote cooperation across disciplinary boundaries, we invite applications for interdisciplinary fellowships. Scholars from the humanities should apply together with scholars from the sciences or field practitioners with the purpose of authoring a collaborative project. All members of the collaboration should plan to be in residence in Munich at the same time; alternately, a humanities scholar who is collaborating with someone at LMU Munich (or at another Munich institution) can also apply for an interdisciplinary scholarship. As a rule, scholars should apply for a residential fellowship of between 3 and 12 months, or a series of 3-month fellowships. But we would consider in principle other models, for example a fellow cooperating with a series of a short-term partners over a longer period of time.

The program awards writing fellowships only; the RCC does not sponsor field trips or archival research. Fellows are expected to spend their fellowship in residence, to work on a major research project, to attend the weekly lunchtime colloquium, and to present their research at the center.

All successful applicants should plan to begin their fellowship between 1 September 2015 and 1 December 2016; it will not be possible to start a fellowship awarded in this round at a later date. Decisions about the fellowships will be announced in mid-May 2015. Fellowships will usually be granted for periods of 3, 6, 9, or 12 months. The RCC will pay for a replacement of the successful candidate at his or her home institution; alternatively it will pay a stipend that is commensurate with experience and current employment.

The deadline for applications is 31 January 2015. Applicants for an interdisciplinary fellowship should submit one joint application **electronically in one pdf file to applications@rcc.lmu.de** and include the following information:

- cover letter
- a curriculum vitae (incl. names/contact info of 3 referees) per person (3 pages maximum)
- project description (1,000 words maximum)
- research schedule for the fellowship period

You may write your application in either English or German; please use the language in which you are most proficient. You will be notified about the outcome of your application by mid-May 2015.

For more information about the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society and the fellowship program, visit the website at: www.rachelcarsoncenter.de