

## Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS): Call for Applications 2017

**Application deadline for fellowships, projects and events starting from April 2017: 28/02/2017**

**Application deadline for fellowships, projects and events starting from July 2017: 31/05/2017**

**Important note: applications for later periods are possible any time as of today.**

The **Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS)** invites highly accomplished scientists and professionals with practice-based expertise to Bochum to pursue individual and collaborative projects on internet-related topics. CAIS offers a stimulating environment beyond the boundaries and obligations set by ordinary academic and professional life. With its programs it aims to actively contribute to the public discussion on the social, political and economic change that is caused by the impact of digitalization and the internet. The exchange between science and society is a main objective of the Center. A content-related orientation framework for the projects is given by the [research agenda of CAIS](#).

Three programs are offered; applications can combine different programs:

*Fellow program:* people can apply for fellowships from one to six months to work individually or together with others on a topic. **Senior fellowships** are provided for established and renowned researchers and experts, **junior fellowships** are awarded to especially qualified young researchers. Both programs are also open to applicants with practical experience. Shorter stays at CAIS are possible as **partner fellows** and **visiting fellows**.

*Project program:* support is given to **cooperation groups** and **work teams** with, as a rule, three to ten members who want to use the resources of the Center for joint workshops, meetings and conferences. Cooperation groups conduct a common project in the course of one to three months. Work teams take part in short-term schemes for up to two weeks.

*Event program:* funding is granted for **conferences, workshops, symposiums, colloquia** and **summer schools** which are fully or partly financed by CAIS and take place in Bochum.

During their stay at the Center fellows and guests enjoy complete freedom for autonomous research and informal collaboration according to their own preferences. The involvement in common activities includes colloquia for the presentation and discussion of research work and projects as well as common meals and social activities. Public lectures, digital presentations and round table talks are obligatory as well as contributions to "CAIS Studies" to inform a wider audience about the work of the Center.

CAIS provides its fellows and guests during their stay with an office and free accommodation. It covers expenses for access and return travel, and if necessary will finance a substitute at their home institution within reasonable limits. If the home institution continues to pay the salary without compensation from CAIS, fellows will receive a grant of 600 euros per month. Junior fellows without current employment will be supported by a grant of 1.800 euros per month.

An application should include (not more than 15 pages):

1. Cover page
  - program
  - name and address of the applicant(s)
  - title of research proposal, project or event
  - time schedule
  - size of group or participants (if applicable)
2. Abstract of proposal, project or event
3. Outline of proposal, project or event
  - subject and lines of research
  - aims and gains
  - theories and methods

- state of research and own preliminary work
- work plan (for fellowships)
- resources required

4. Project plan (if applicable)

- number and scheduling of working stays
- subjects of working stays
- formats of working stays (workshops, meeting, conferences)
- participants
- office and accommodation needs
- curriculum vitae of all participants; publication list with three references
- required budget (travel expenses, board and lodging, etc.)
- information about possible funding from other sources

5. Event participants (if applicable)

- name, title
- complete address including email
- academic discipline
- information on commitment

6. Curriculum vitae of applicant(s); list of publications, three relevant publications as attachment or link

Applications in electronic form (PDF) are submitted to the scientific director of CAIS, Professor Michael Baurmann: [info@cais.nrw](mailto:info@cais.nrw). The details for the funding of fellowships, projects or events are subject to individual agreements between the applicants and the CAIS.

**More information** at: [www.cais.nrw/forschen-am-cais](http://www.cais.nrw/forschen-am-cais).

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