

Fellowship Programme



Internationale Jugendbibliothek
International Youth Library

The International Youth Library's fellowship programme has two primary goals: to support research in the field of international children's and youth literature and illustration, and to promote academic exchange and international cooperation.

Through the fellowship programme, which has been funded by the Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany for the past 50 years, the International Youth Library would like to encourage comparative research about literature for children and teenagers in an increasingly networked world. At the same time we would like to encourage the academic use of our international collection of books for children and young adults, which spans 400 years.

The International Youth Library offers fellowships for up to fourteen scholars each year. The length of the stay can range from six weeks to four months. Scholars work on research projects that they have already started in their home countries.



The International Youth Library, housed in the late medieval Blutenburg Castle in Munich, boasts the world's largest collection of international children's and youth literature. The unique collection includes more than 610,000 children's books in more than 130 languages, published during the past 400 years. Additionally, there are nearly 30,000 international reference titles, as well as almost 130 current periodicals.



Fellowship holders work in the reading room of the research library and are supported by staff members in both the content and organizational aspects of their research projects. The scholars are invited to introduce their research projects at round-table discussions at the library during their stay. We also assist with the organization of visits to other libraries and research facilities.

Application requirements

- Academic qualification
- Research project on children's literature
- International focus of the research project
- Sufficient fluency in German or/and English
- Non-German citizenship

Deadline for applications

September 30th for a fellowship stay in the following year.

For more information

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