

Information Sheet
on the fellowship program for foreign specialists
in the field of children's and youth literature

The Federal Republic of Germany's Ministry of Foreign Affairs promotes study visits at the International Youth Library for specialists in the field of children's and youth literature who wish to use the collection and become better acquainted with the library's work. The fellowship recipients will be also requested to assist the library actively in developing the book collection and documentation materials.

1. What the fellowship includes

Each year up to fifteen applicants are given a monthly grant of € 850,- for a stay of three months maximum in the library. This sum is intended to cover the costs of food and lodging in Munich. (The International Youth Library is prepared to locate furnished rooms in private homes upon request.) It is not possible to offer a supplemental grant for travel costs.

2. Who is eligible?

Any specialist in the field of children's and youth literature who is not a German citizen may apply for a fellowship. As a rule the recipients are working as children's librarians, publishing house editors, authors, illustrators, educators, college professors or reading promoters in the widest sense. This fellowship program is not intended for students whose coursework includes children's and youth literature, with the exception of dissertations.

A fellowship will be granted in principle only once to any applicant.

An important prerequisite for a meaningful use of this fellowship is language competency. Without sufficient fluency of either German or English it is not possible to use the library catalogs and other research sources. The International Youth Library retains the right to terminate a fellowship if language skills are inadequate for successful communication.

3. What can fellowship recipients expect at the International Youth Library?

Fellowship recipients have the opportunity to use a study desk in the reference library and access the extensive international depository collection of children's and youth literature and professional literature in order to pursue their own projects and research topics.

Fellowship recipients can avail themselves of the subject expertise of the staff members.

During their stay they will have the opportunity to make contact with other subject specialists and specialized institutions which deal with children's and youth literature.

To the extent possible, the International Youth Library will assist fellowship recipients in financing professional visits to sites outside of Munich.

4. What is expected of the fellowship recipients?

It is expected that fellowship recipients be present at the International Youth Library in Munich for the duration of their grant and pursue their projects and research topics independently to the extent possible.

Depending upon language competency and literature expertise, fellowship recipients are requested to assist

the library in one of the language sections ("Lektorat").

Areas in which assistance can be rendered include:

1. Inspection of the primary and secondary literature collection from the fellowship recipient's home country and recommendation of future acquisitions for its systematic development.
2. Preparation of book annotations for bibliographies.
3. Support of staff members through translation of correspondence directed towards publishers and subject specialists and institutions in his or her home country.
4. Development of a core collection of literature from countries for which the library has no directly responsible staff members.
5. Assistance with exhibitions and other special projects.

Fellowship recipients can also contribute to the promotion of knowledge of the literature of their home country through lectures and written essays.

The extent of this assistance in the library's works is to be no more than 50 percent.

Research related travels outside of Munich scheduled within the three-month period should not exceed ten days. Longer periods of stay in other cities should therefore be planned before or after the fellowship period in Munich.

At the end of their stay fellowship recipients are requested to submit a written report of their activities.

5. Study related activities

Upon request the International Youth Library arranges visits or tours at other libraries, at publishing houses or appointments with subject specialists in Munich.

To the extent funding is available, short trips to partner institutions such as Institute for Children's Literature Research in Frankfurt or similar institutions specializing in children's and youth literature can be organized and subsidized.

If the fellowship period coincides with the dates of the Fiera del libro per ragazzi (Children's Book Fair in Bologna), usually early April, or the Frankfurt Book Fair in early October, travel arrangements can be coordinated with those of the staff.

6. How to apply for a fellowship

Please request an application form or visit our homepage. Fill out the form completely and return it together with a report on your work and a photograph to the following address: (Deadline for applications: 30st September)

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APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

Please complete with type writer

1. Personal Information

Last Name: (Mr., Ms.) _____

First Name: _____

Nationality: (according to passport) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____ Profession: _____

Current Adress: _____

e-mail Adress: _____

Current Professional position and (if employed) name of employer:

Active language competency: (Please circle)

German: very good / average/ minimal

English: very good / average/ minimal

French: very good / average/ minimal

Other: _____ very good / average/ minimal

Passive language competency in: _____

Previous visits in Germany? When? _____

How did you learn about the International Youth Library? _____

Who encouraged you to apply for a fellowship? _____

2. Professional qualifications

Academic graduation and degree(s): _____

Training and qualifications: _____

Publications, projects, etc. in the field of children's and youth literature: _____

Conferences, seminars etc you participated or have organize: _____

Membership in professional organizations: _____

3. Study and research plans:

What is the topic of the project or research you wish to pursue during your stay at the International Youth Library? _____

Are you willing to assist in the work of the International Youth Library? Which areas of activity? _____

4. Details regarding the stay at the International Youth Library

As a rule fellowships are only granted for a period of three months.

When do you wish to come? (Please be precise)

1st preferred period from _____ to _____

2nd preferred period from _____ to _____

Which location of housing do you prefer? (please circle)

1. In the vicinity of the International Youth Library: Yes / No

2. Closer to the city center of Munich: Yes / No

5. Comments, Questions, etc: _____

Please submit on a separate sheet a typewritten letter about yourself (with photograph), your relationship to children's and youth literature, your *reasons* for wanting to come to Munich and any other details which you consider pertinent to your application. Thank You!

I herewith confirm that I will take out *health insurance* for residency abroad for the duration of my stay.

Date

Signature