



Information for International Candidates KI²VA Guest Professorship Fund

TU Darmstadt has been selected for funding within the framework of the "Quality Pact for Teaching" support programme of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) based on its continuation application "Competence Development through Interdisciplinary and International Cooperation from the Start" (KI²VA).

During the period from 10/2016 to 12/2020, KI²VA will be funded with around 12.5 million euros.

Details on KI²VA can be found under https://www.kiva.tu-darmstadt.de/kiva_gesamt/index.en.jsp

Please note: the KI²VA website has not been fully translated.

The subproject "KI²VA Guest Professorship" comprises a **fund for the establishment of fixed-term guest professorships for innovative teaching** in two funding lines:

Funding line I1: Strengthening the interdisciplinary nature of teaching

Funding line I2: Institutionalizing internationality and integrating international students

Overriding objectives of all guest professorships at Technische Universität Darmstadt are the **promotion of the interdisciplinary nature of teaching and didactic innovation through international experiences in and with teaching.**

Independently of the funding lines, KI²VA Guest professorships are particularly committed to the topics of diversity and gender equality.

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Guest professorships are possible in two funding lines with the following objectives:

Funding line I1 – Strengthening the interdisciplinary nature of teaching

The teaching of guest professors offers students the opportunity to examine the content of their field of study in a manner that goes beyond methodology or the restraints of a discipline, posing socially relevant questions.

The objective of the line is to support the further development of interdisciplinary courses and/or the integration of interdisciplinary courses in our curricula in the medium and long term.

Possible goals of a guest professorship in this line include e.g. trying out innovative teaching formats for interdisciplinary teaching and collegial exchange concerning continuing education didactics experiences.

Funding line I2 – Institutionalizing internationality and integrating international students

All students of Technische Universität Darmstadt should be given the opportunity to encounter internationalization during their studies, particularly, if a stay abroad is not feasible.

A possible goal of this funding line is the stronger networking of teaching with foreign partner universities through the exchange of guest professors. Another goal is to provide courses taught in English for international (exchange) students and/or students preparing for a stay abroad as well as courses that enable all students to study together.

Requirements:

- Candidates should have proven didactic aptitude and demonstrate an explicit profile for the respective funding line.
- KI²VA guest professors should be experienced, if possible internationally renowned professors, preferably from partner universities abroad.

Scope of funding and framework conditions:

- The KI²VA guest professorship fund is solely for financing the stipend of guest professors.
- The resources made available through the programme will cover a basic salary of approximately € 5,000/month. The form of contract between the candidate and Technische Universität Darmstadt depends e.g. on the duration of the stay. For more information, contact Christina Wagner.
 - Travel and accommodation costs cannot be reimbursed by KI²VA.
- A KI²VA guest professor is obliged to accept a teaching load of 8 lessons per week during each semester.
 - In association with funding over a full semester, teaching of *13 (weeks of one semester) * 8(lessons per week) = 104 class hours* will be required, which consist of 45 minutes each. Office hours, homework corrections or lesson preparation do not count as teaching hours.
- Shorter stays with a correspondingly smaller teaching load are also possible; the salary will be adjusted accordingly.
- Workplace equipment, material resources and office space are to be provided by the host department.