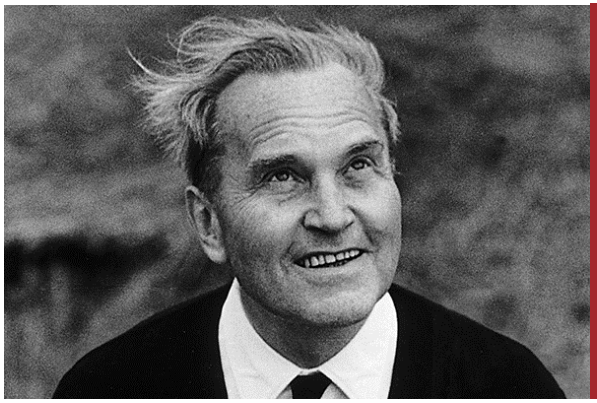


Jan Patočka Junior Fellowships
Call for Applications 2016 / 2017

Objective

The Jan Patočka Fellowship Program aims to foster research inspired by Jan Patočka's thought and committed to his legacy. The program is focused on research in policy-related topics. It enables young Czech researchers to work on a project of their own choice. The fellowship is open to all academic disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. However, applicants' projects should preferably deal with political and societal issues of European relevance.

Conditions

Jan Patočka Fellows will be invited to spend 6 months in the academic year 2016/17 at the IWM to pursue their research projects. Junior Visiting Fellows will receive EUR 1,800 per month to cover accommodation, living expenses, travel, health insurance and any incidental costs related to their stay in Vienna.

In addition, the IWM provides the fellows with office space including access to internet, in-house research and administrative facilities as well as other services free of charge. The fellows will join the scholarly community and participate in the activities of the Institute.

Application

Applications have to be submitted via the online application form and should include:

- a concise research proposal in English (max. 8,000 characters incl. spaces) outlining
- the academic problem(s) addressed
- a critical consideration of current relevant literature
- the research goals and expected results
- a work and time schedule (if the duration of the project exceeds the six-month term at the IWM, please indicate which part will be completed during the fellowship)
- a curriculum vitae
- a list of publications
- two letters of recommendation by scholars familiar with the applicant's academic work

Please submit all your application materials as PDF files!

Application Deadline:
March 31, 2016

Further Details and Online Application:
www.iwm.at/fellowships/patocka

Eligibility

Candidates for the Jan Patočka Junior Visiting Fellowship:

- must be Czech citizens
- must currently pursue a doctoral degree or have recently obtained a Ph.D. in any discipline in the humanities or social sciences
- must not be older than 35 years

Selection

The finalist will be selected by a jury of experts. Applicants will be notified of the jury decision in summer 2016. The jury is not required to publicly justify its decisions.

Jan Patočka

The Czech philosopher Jan Patočka (1907–1977) is considered one of the most important Central European thinkers of the 20th century. With a few short exceptions, Patočka was banned from teaching and publishing in communist Czechoslovakia. However, he became an intellectual and moral authority, most notably through his legendary underground seminars. Patočka was a co-founder and speaker of the civil rights movement Charter 77. He died in March 1977 after a series of police interrogations. This program is dedicated to commemorate his name and work.

About the IWM

The Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna is an intellectually and politically independent institute for advanced study in the humanities and social sciences.
Since its foundation in 1982, the Institute has promoted intellectual exchange between East and West, academia and society, and a variety of disciplines and schools of thought.
The IWM is an international community of scholars consisting of Permanent Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Guests. During each year, the IWM hosts about sixty researchers, journalists and translators.

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