EMERGE Alliance
Third-Places Research Fellowships
Open Call 2027

What: two third-places research fellowships

Length: one month

When: all year round

Who: EUF postdocs, junior professors, professors

Where: third-places for research within the EMERGE Alliance
(research centres, laboratories, research hubs, technological platforms, innocampus, fablabs, living labs, co-working spaces, etc.)

Application Deadline: 6 Dec 2026 | (25 April 2027)

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Our Alliance

EMERGE brings together nine European universities committed to "Empowering the Margins of Europe through Regional and Global Engagement". Together we aim to better serve our marginalised territories and communities by building a network of equal partners, deeply embedded in our regions and capable of proposing alternative models to dominant top-down paradigms of development and representations of society.

Our Mission

EMERGE Third-Places Research Fellowships are designed to fulfil the Alliance's mission:

> ***Societal engagement*** *is the First Mission of EMERGE. It is our societal and territorial mission that drives our approach in research and education and defines the way we operate as universities.*

Our Fellowships

EMERGE Third-Places Research Fellowships allow senior researchers from any EMERGE university to engage with colleagues and local communities during a **one-month stay** within the EMERGE Alliance and its third places. The fellowships aim at enabling researchers to participate in research activities in diverse locations, possibly **involving new communities** or **participatory research** formats.

Interested?

Interested scholars may contact their local EMERGE Research Coordinator, Dr. Isabella Tegethoff (isabella.tegethoff@uni-flensburg.de), for detailed information on possible hosting institutions, funding conditions and the application procedure.

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Application Procedure

A formless application, including

- your contact details and an abbreviated CV (max. 2 pages),
- a short description of your research project(s),
- a short description of the necessity for and details of the planned activities during your stay, including
    - a comment on the suitability of the chosen hosting institution(s),
    - a comment on in how far your stay aligns with the EMERGE Alliance Values and Principles and the Third-Places Research Fellowships,
    - a preliminary time frame (the length of the fellowship must not be less than 20 working days excluding travel. The fellowship may be split in exceptional circumstances for reasons of inclusivity (e.g. family or teaching commitments) into two stays with a minimum of 10 working days per stay at the partner institution excluding travel. If there are more candidates than places, priority could be given to applicants committing to a full one-month period.)
- an invitation letter from the hosting third-place for research within the Alliance.

Application documents must be compiled in one PDF file and sent via email to the EMERGE research coordinator at EUF, Dr. Isabella Tegethoff (isabella.tegethoff@uni-flensburg.de).

Third-Places for Research within the EMERGE Alliance

Fellowships may possibly take place at any research centre or research group across the EMERGE Alliance (please browse the EMERGE research catalogue for more information). In addition, a list of third-places for research within the EMERGE Alliance provides an overview of the designated institutions (research centres, laboratories, research hubs, technological platforms, innocampus, fablabs, living labs, co-working spaces, etc.) that have committed themselves to participating in the fellowship program. There is no entitlement to the availability of a fellowship place at a hosting institution, the acceptance of a fellow is subject to the capacity of the third-place.

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Scope of Funding

Fellowships are supported with up to 2500 EUR.

Settlement takes place in accordance with the Federal Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz) as part of a business trip.

Reporting

Supported fellows are required to contribute to the social media coverage of their fellowship via LinkedIn and to provide a short report on their fellowship experience.

Selection Criteria

A selecting committee at EUF will assess incoming applications with a special focus on the alignment of the fellowship with the EMERGE Alliance Values and Principles and the Third-Places Research Fellowships. The decision of the selecting committee may be affected by the need to maintain proportionality among different scientific fields and the balance between hosting and sending institutions.

Contact

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