

Call for Applications

Munich Cross-Cultural Philology (MCCP) Visiting Research Fellowship

The [Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities \(BAdW\)](#) and the [Cluster of Excellence "Cross-Cultural Philology \(3061\)"](#) at the Ludwig Maximilians University (LMU) of Munich invite applications for a Visiting Research Fellowships in 2027. The fellowship supports internationally recognized scholars – advanced postdoctoral researchers or senior academics – who wish to pursue an independent research project in Munich within the context of both the Cluster of Excellence and one of the following BAdW's projects.

In 2026/2027 two fellowships will be awarded within the following projects:

- [Thesaurus Linguae Latinae \(TLL\)](#)
- [Cuneiform Artefacts of Iraq in Context \(CAIC\)](#)

Context

As the largest and one of the most prolific of the eight state academies in Germany, the [BAdW](#) specializes in innovative long-term research projects, fosters interdisciplinary and international scholarly exchange, and engages with political and civil society stakeholders. Several of its projects are institutionally based at the [LMU](#) Munich, one of Europe's leading universities, and closely aligned with the agenda of the Cluster of Excellence [Cross-Cultural Philology \(3061\)](#). It conducts transcultural and interdisciplinary research on cultural and philological practices worldwide, drawing on material spanning the past 5,000 years. The MCCP Visiting Research Fellowships aim to strengthen international collaboration and promote sustained exchange between the Cluster of Excellence and these Academy projects.

Scope and Funding

The MCCP fellowship provides a lump sum of EUR 25.000,- to cover all costs of the stay. Fellows must reside in Munich and conduct their research on site at LMU or the BAdW. The fellowship requires a minimum stay of three months; the overall duration is flexible and depends on how long the allocated funds can sustain residence in Munich. Office space is available for scholarship holders at the LMU.

Eligibility

The fellowships are open to researchers employed at universities or research institutions outside Germany who have demonstrated an exceptional record of scholarly accomplishment. Applicants must be internationally established in a field relevant to the Cluster of Excellence and the participating Academy projects, hold a doctoral degree, and have several years of postdoctoral experience. The proposed research project must show clear relevance to one of the participating projects at BAdW and to the Cluster's overarching research programme. The project does not need to be completed during the stay, but its relevance to on-site research in Munich must be demonstrated.

Expectations and Obligations

Fellows are expected to conduct their project in residence in Munich, to participate actively in the intellectual life of the Cluster of Excellence and the relevant Academy project, to give at least one public lecture, workshop, or research presentation during their stay, and to submit a brief written report at its conclusion.

Application Requirements

Applications should be submitted in one PDF file to mccp.fellowship@badw.de and include:

- cover letter (max. 2 pages) addressed to Prof. Dr. Claudia Wiener (TLL) or Prof. Dr. Enrique Jimenéz (CAIC), respectively, outlining motivation, duration of stay, and relevance to the Cluster and to the selected Academy project, and relevance to on-site research in Munich;
- curriculum vitae, including a list of key publications;
- project proposal (max. 15 pages) describing aims, preliminary work, methods, work plan, and expected outcomes;
- indication of institutes and researchers with which the project seeks to cooperate.

Selection

The BAdW and the LMU Cluster of Excellence will assess applications based on scholarly excellence, feasibility of the project, and relevance to the research agendas of both the relevant Academy project and the Cluster of Excellence.

Deadline and Contact

Application deadline: 31 March 2026
Notification of results: approximately four weeks after the deadline
Submission: mccp.fellowship@badw.de

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