



Foundation

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Bayer Foundation Fellowship.

Your entries will be stored temporarily, and you can resume filling out the questionnaire later. However, we recommend keeping a security copy of your entries to prevent data loss if you are not able to complete the entire application in one sitting!

Before you begin applying, please consider the following:

- **The maximum funding is 10.000€ for a maximum of six months.**
- Application must be made **in English** via the **application portal**, which will be closed on 15. April 2026, at 23:59 CET.
- Please read the complete application **guidelines & FAQs** [here](#)
- Please use the **checklist** below.

To complete the application form, you will need to specify the following key information (see the guidelines for detailed specifications):

- **Personal statement** of your motivation for the application, including 3 keywords describing yourself

- **Project proposal**, including five keywords associated with your project
- **Description of the potential relevance and impact** of your fellowship/project
- When applicable, a **description of the collaborative and/or interdisciplinary nature** of your fellowship/project
- **Proposed budget** of your fellowship/project
- If relevant, a detailed justification of requests for exceptional costs
- If relevant, an explanation of **additional funding**
- If relevant, provide a detailed explanation of the request for additional funding for **care responsibilities**.
- If available a listing of Prizes, posters, presentations or other recognitions of and /or Publications

For completing the application, you will need to provide the following key documents (in English; see the [guidelines](#) for detailed specifications):

- **One letter of support/ acceptance from your self-selected host institute**
- **Two letters of recommendation** (including one from a current and/or previous direct supervisor at your home institute)
- **Certificates**
- **Transcripts**
- **1 minute video**
- If relevant, one acceptance letter of your next studies

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Q6 - Fellowship application

Fellowship Application

Which Bayer Foundation Fellowship are you applying for?

Drug Discovery

Agricultural Science

Climate & Health

Medical Science

Project title:

Project field/ subject:

Please explain in one sentence what your project is about (max. 20 words).

Please give up to **five keywords** associated with your project:

Please describe your project including its relevance to the advancement of your field and/or associated industry (max. 1750 characters):

Please provide a personal statement, including motivation for the application, personal and professional aspirations, and any additional relevant information (max. 1750 characters):

Please describe the potential relevance and impact of your project on society (including the UN sustainability goals if relevant) and the potential societal response to your work (max. 1750 characters):

Is your proposed fellowship/ project collaborative? Please select all relevant answers:

Yes, my work is a collaboration between my host & home institute i.e. researchers from both groups would be listed on potential publications

Yes, more than one research group, **excluding my home institute**, is working on this project i.e. multiple academics or research organisations would be listed on

No

I do not know

Please explain the collaborative nature of your fellowship/project (max 1750. characters):

Is your proposed fellowship/ project interdisciplinary? Please select all relevant answers:

Yes, the project brings together distinct scientific disciplines outside my own core expertise (e.g. data scientist doing lab work, organic chemist doing molecular biology)

No

I do not know

Please explain the interdisciplinary nature of your fellowship/ project including a list of the distinct scientific disciplines (max 1750. characters):

Please give the proposed start and end dates of your fellowship. Funding is only available for a **maximum of six months**, if your activity is longer than six months then please input the **dates of the desired funding period** and not the total duration of your activity. The funding is scheduled to begin not earlier than **1st of August 2026** and therefore, the disbursement can occur only after that date. **Funding cannot be used retrospective.**

Proposed start date of the fellowship:

Proposed end date of the fellowship:

Q2 - Current study program

Your Current study program

Please add here information about your current study program at the

university you are enrolled at.

Level:

Please specify the level of your studies:

Study field:

Please name your study field:

Title of your studies (e.g. *Chemistry, Developmental Biology, Bioengineering,...*):

Expected date of completion:

Institute:

Please only name the Institute/University and not the specific department (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

Country:

Supervisor name:

**optional, if relevant*

Supervisor email:

**optional, if relevant*

Host Institute

Please add here informations about your selected host institution, where you will be for your fellowship.

Self-selected host institute, where you would undertake the fellowship:

Please only name the Institute/University and not the specific department (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

Country of your self-selected host institute:

*As you are currently enrolled at a German university, you can only apply if your placement takes place **outside Germany***

Country of your self-selected host institute:

*As you are currently enrolled at a university abroad, you can only apply if your placement takes place **inside Germany***

Germany

Host Supervisor name:

Host Supervisor email:

Q7 - Budget

Budget

How much **total funding** in Euros are you requesting including exceptional cost?

*The maximum fellowship including the exceptional costs is 10000 Euros.
See [Guidelines & FAQ](#) for more details.*

*(Please only write numbers and do not use punctuation. **Please write the sum without "," or "."**)*

Do you apply for funding with **exceptional costs**?

Yes

No

How much funding in euros are you requesting for **exceptional costs**?
A maximum amount of 2500 Euros for exceptional costs is permitted.

Please explain your request for exceptional costs - we suggest consulting with your host to answer this question.

This should include a justification of the costs, why they are not covered by the host organization, and why these costs are essential to the program. Please also include a detailed breakdown of the costs (max. 1750 characters):

Do you apply for funding to cover **Caregiving Responsibilities**?

Parents with caregiving responsibilities who bring their child(ren) to the fellowship location are eligible for an additional funding of €500 per month. This childcare support is paid on top of—and does not count toward—the €10,000 fellowship maximum.

Yes

No

How much funding are you requesting in euros for **Caregiving Responsibilities**?

You can request **500 euros per month**, with a maximum of 3,000 euros for six months. Please note that we only cover the duration of your fellowship.

Please explain your request for Caregiving Responsibilities. This should include a breakdown of the costs (max. 1750 characters):

This funding may be used for child-related expenses such as nannies, babysitters, local travel or other childcare and daycare services. Costs related to partners or other accompanying adults, including travel or living expenses, are not covered.

Please fill out the Budget plan with your expected expenses of 0 Euros:

For city-specific prices in Germany in 2023 have a look on the table [here](#).

Airfare:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Travel to/from airport:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Local public transportation costs:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Visa costs:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Housing/rent incl. utilities (e.g. electricity, water etc.)*:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Internet:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Phone:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Food:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Health Insurance:	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>
Other	€ <input type="text" value="0"/>

Total

€

Please give a **short description/ explanation in words for your individual costs** calculated above:

Write "not applicable" if certain expenses do not occur in your case.

	Description
Airfare:	<input type="text"/>
Travel to/from airport:	<input type="text"/>
Local public transportation costs:	<input type="text"/>
Visa costs:	<input type="text"/>
Housing/rent incl. utilities (e.g. electricity, water etc.)*:	<input type="text"/>
Internet:	<input type="text"/>
Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Food:	<input type="text"/>
Health Insurance:	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

Will you receive **any additional funding or payment** for the proposed fellowship from other sources?

For example, other fellowships/stipends, payment for an internship or salary. Please note that this will not affect your opportunity to receive a Bayer Foundation fellowship if you are applying for costs that are not covered by other funding.

Yes

No

Please explain your additional funding or payment. If this funding cannot be used to cover any of the fellowship costs, this must be justified appropriately (max. 1750 characters):

Q1 - Personal data

Personal data

Last name:

First name:

Gender:

**optional*

Male

Female

Non-binary / third gender

Date of birth:

Nationality:

**optional*

Address:

Country of residence:

Contact phone (*no special characters allowed, use numeric country code - e.g. 0049*):

Email address:

Q4 - Completed university study programs

Completed university study programs (Degree 1 - 4)

Degree 1 - Level (*select "none" if not applicable*):

Degree 1 - Please specify the level of your studies:

Degree 1 - Subject/ title (*e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology*):

Degree 1 - Grade/ mark (*in the German grading scale; convert if necessary; please comment if your degree is not graded, e.g. UK PhDs*):

Degree 1 - Institute:

Degree 1 - Country:

Degree 2 - Level (*select "none" if not applicable*):

Degree 2 - Please specify the level of your studies:

Degree 2 - Subject/ title (*e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology*):

Degree 2 - Grade/ mark (in the German grading scale; convert if

necessary; please comment if your degree is not graded, e.g. UK PhDs):

Degree 2 - Institute:

Degree 2 - Country:

Degree 3 - Level (*select "none" if not applicable*):

Degree 3 - Please specify the level of your studies:

Degree 3 - Subject/ title (*e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology*):

Degree 3 - Grade/ mark (*in the German grading scale; convert if necessary; please comment if your degree is not graded, e.g. UK PhDs*):

Degree 3 - Institute:

Degree 3 - Country:

Degree 4 - Level (*select "none" if not applicable*):

Degree 4 - Please specify the level of your studies:

Degree 4 - Subject/ title (*e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology*):

Degree 4 - Grade/ mark (*in the German grading scale; convert if necessary; please comment if your degree is not graded, e.g. UK PhDs*):

Degree 4 - Institute:

Degree 4 - Country:

Prizes, posters, presentations or other recognitions of note for current or previous studies:

**optional, if relevant*

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Publications for current or previous studies (*including title, authors, full reference and DOI*):

**optional, if relevant*

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Q3 - Next study program (optional)

Next study program (*information optional*)

These fields are relevant if, for example, you are at the end of your Master's program, meaning that you are still enrolled as a student, but have already been accepted for your next position as a PhD student.

Level (*select "none" if not applicable*):

Please specify the level of your future studies:

Subject/ title (*e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology*):

Expected date of start:

Institute:

Country:

Supervisor name:

**optional, if relevant*

Supervisor email:

**optional, if relevant*

Q5 - Activities

Activities

Please describe yourself in three words:

Please tell us about anything else exciting you do/have done:

This can include volunteering, outreach work, community work, relevant work experience, internships, placements, and similar. If it gives an indication of your personal motivation & ambition, or is relevant to your professional experience then please include it below.

How many activities do you want to add (*select "none" if not applicable*)?

Activity 1

Dates (yyyy-mm-dd):

Role of activity:

Program/ institute/ supervisor/ organization (*as relevant*):

Key activities/responsibilities (*max. 100 words*):

Activity 2

Dates (yyyy-mm-dd):

Role of activity:

Program/ institute/ supervisor/ organization (*as relevant*):

Key activities/responsibilities (*max. 100 words*):

Activity 3

Dates (yyyy-mm-dd):

Role of activity:

Program/ institute/ supervisor/ organization (*as relevant*):

Key activities/responsibilities (*max. 100 words*):

Activity 4

Dates (*yyyy-mm-dd*):

Role of activity:

Program/ institute/ supervisor/ organization (*as relevant*):

Key activities/responsibilities (*max. 100 words*):

Activity 5

Dates (*yyyy-mm-dd*):

Role of activity:

Program/ institute/ supervisor/ organization (*as relevant*):

Key activities/responsibilities (*max. 100 words*):

Q8 - File upload

File upload

Please ensure that all documents are submitted in English. If your original documents are in another language, please provide an English translation alongside the original.

Please upload as one PDF file a **letter of support/ acceptance from your self-selected host** either from your direct supervisor or equivalent at your self-selected host institute
(Do not upload an email. Upload an official support-letter with letterhead and signature.)

Please upload as one PDF your **first letter of recommendation** from a current direct supervisor at your home institute

(Please make sure to inform your supervisor to sign the recommendation letter)

Please upload as one PDF your **second letter of recommendation** from a current and/or previous direct supervisor at your home institute

(Please make sure to inform your supervisor to sign the recommendation letter)

Please upload as one PDF file **certificates for any completed studies** (e.g. bachelor degree/master/medical degree)

(Please remember to upload documents **in English** or provide an **English translation**)

Please upload as one PDF file **transcripts (exam marks and similar) for studies up to the current date**

(Please remember to upload documents **in English** or provide an **English translation**)

Please upload a **1 minute video of yourself** recorded on your mobile phone or computer.

The purpose of this video is to help us and the jury better understand your personal motivation for applying for this fellowship. Please tell us why you would like to receive one of Bayer Foundation's fellowships and how the fellowship will support your career development.

Please ensure that you are clearly visible in the video and that the sound is recorded properly so that you can be heard without difficulty.

Do not use any editing techniques, special effects, filters, AI-generated material.

Max file size is 50MB.

Please upload as one PDF file the **acceptance letter/ email of your future studies (if relevant)**

Please upload a copy of your **child's birth certificate** or any other proof of existence.

Q9 - Data regulation

Data regulation

**Please go back and check that your application is complete.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

After submission, you will no longer be able to make any changes.

I guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. I confirm that I will immediately inform the Bayer Foundation of any change in the information provided in this application form.

Yes, I agree.

I have read the data privacy statement and I hereby consent to this processing. Also I have consent from the associated supervisors to provide their details in this application.

Please see [here](#) how the data provided by you are processed by Bayer Foundation. Please also inform supervisors for whom you provided personal data.

Yes, I agree.

Place:

Date:

2/17/2026

Signature



SIGN HERE

[clear](#)

Do you have any feedback relating to the fellowship descriptions, the application process, or similar?

**optional*



Where did you hear about our fellowships?

**optional*

- Bayer Foundation Website
- Bayer Foundation Newsletter
- Direct email from Bayer Foundation
- Colleague/ Friend
- Supervisor

Bayer employee

My University

Website Listing

LinkedIn

Instagram

Other

Please specify:

**optional*

Please link the website:

**optional*

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