FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – BAYER FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS

1. How can I apply for a fellowship with the Bayer Foundation?
   An application is only possible via the online tool on the Foundation webpage. This is due to data security reasons. Every application handed in via e-mail or directly via post is not accepted.
   Currently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an application is not possible.

2. What do I need to apply for a fellowship?
   - CV
   - project plan
   - letter of acceptance by the host institution
   - budget plan
   - motivation letter

3. Can I apply even though I am working in a job for more than 2 years after graduating?
   The fellowships are reserved for young professional and university students who want to gain experience and to implement innovative projects. That's why the limit is set up at two years after graduating.

4. What kind of studies can be supported with a fellowship?

   OTTO BAYER
   For students and young professionals researching in the field of chemistry, biochemistry or biology.

   CARL DUIISBERG
   For students and young professionals researching in the field of Medicine.

   JEFF SCHELL
   For students and young professionals researching in the field of Agricultural Sciences.

   KURT HANSEN
   For students and young professionals researching in the field of Science Education.

   HERRMANN STRENGER
   For apprentices and young professionals in non-academic professions.
5. Which expenses can be paid with the fellowship money?

- Travel costs
- Living costs
- Project costs (to a certain extend (decided by the jury))

6. How should the cost schedule be structured and what must be in it?

The budget plan should be organized under the different categories above (travel, costs of living and project costs). Please use estimations for rent of an apartment etc. and the exact prices whenever possible.

7. When does the application phase starts and ends?

You will find the information on the website, normally, the application phase is during the summer holidays in Germany (July and August).

8. Is it possible to apply twice? (e.g. 2019 and 2020)

It is possible to apply two times in a row. It also doesn’t matter if you get the scholarship or not. The only regulation is that you cannot apply two times with the same project if it already got funded by the Bayer Foundation.

9. Is it possible to combine the fellowship with other fellowships?

Yes, it is possible to combine the fellowship with other fellowships, at least from our side. Please consider asking/informing the other funding part, as well.

10. I cannot finance my study costs or my bachelor’s or master’s degree. Can I apply for a fellowship?

The study costs alone will not be funded by the fellowship. The fellowship is linked to your research project or rather to the costs which arise due to your travel or stay of your research project.

11. I live in Germany and I want to study somewhere else with in Germany. Would the Bayer Foundation Fellowship fund this?

The fellowships are meant for students and young professionals who want to study abroad. The fellowship will not fund projects or studies taking place in the same country where the applicant is currently living.
12. I live outside of Germany and I want to study in another country beside Germany. Can I use a fellowship for that?

The fellowships are meant for students and young professionals from abroad who want to work or study in Germany or for those out of Germany who want to go abroad. The fellowships will not fund this kind of travels.