This is the joint call by the World Education Research Association (WERA), the International Association for the Evaluation of the Educational Achievement (IEA), and the Research Center "Literacy in Diversity Settings (LiDS") at the University of Hamburg

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WERA VISITING RESEARCHER AWARDS

GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESEARCHERS IN EDUCATION

Call for WERA Visiting Researcher Award at IEA Hamburg and Uni Hamburg

? Why WERA visiting Researcher Award?

This award enables visiting researchers to develop their own research project while benefiting from the individual support of experts from the partner institutes working in different fields related to international large-scale assessments, especially with a focus on diversity in education. The awardee will be privileged with direct access to data and resources of the partner institutes in carrying out their research projects.

Who can apply?

Early stage researchers and experienced researchers engaged in educational research from all nationalities are welcome to apply. All applicants must hold minimum masters or an equivalent degree.

Visit Hosts

The research visitor will be co-hosted by IEA Hamburg and University of Hamburg, both located in Hamburg, Germany. Both institutes cooperate in different research projects. The researcher will get an opportunity to spend time at both institutes during their six weeks visit period.

What proposals are expected?

Research proposals corresponding to the research activities and study data of host organizations.

Financial award

Awardees will receive a grant of € 3,500 to cover their travel, stay and other subsistence costs during the researcher's stay. The host institutes will provide assistance with locating affordable housing.

Duration

The visit will last six weeks in 2023. Exact time-period will be negotiated with the awardee. Shortened or extended visits may be arranged upon request.

▷▷ Further information regarding the application process is available at the next page.

Information regarding the application process

Aims of the award program

- Contribute to enhancing the research projects/interests of the academic visitors by providing support from partner institutes;
- Provide visiting researchers with direct access to data and resources of the host institutes to help them carry out their research projects;
- Provide the opportunity to collaborate with research staff and doctoral-level staff from partner institutes and promote networking within a worldwide research community.

Expectations from the visiting researcher

- Visiting academic researchers are expected to work on their research project;
- Visiting academic researchers are encouraged to initiate a collaboration with our experts on a specific research project or research policy, ideally aiming for a joint publication;
- Visiting academic researchers are expected to present their work within a research colloquium organized by the host institutes;
- Visiting academic researchers are expected to report on their visit and its results to the host institute. The reports will be published on the websites of all partner institutes.

Awardees will be provided with

- An academic mentor at each institution for the duration of their stay;
- Expert support for specific topics on request;
- A working place, a personal computer with basic software (upon request), access to internet, printer, telephone, and basic office supplies.

Eligibility

To qualify for the visiting researcher award, the applicant will need to:

- Conduct a research project corresponding to the research activities and study data of host organizations;
- Obtain the necessary visa and arrange your own travel to the host country;
- Present proof of valid medical insurance coverage for the stay in the host country;
- Working level in written and spoken English.

To be eligible, applicants must meet all four conditions. If applicants cannot meet one or more of these conditions, please consider postponing the application until all conditions can be met. Note that applicants from Global South countries are explicitly encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Please provide the following documents:

- Letter of request, including, the general objectives of your visit, and the specific activities you would like to focus on;
- Your CV with a record of publications (if applicable);
- A proposal or research protocol referring to the focus of your visit. This proposal must include the following items: *Summary; Objectives; Literature review; Data; Methods; Expected results;*
- The proposal must not exceed 2,000 words and must be written in English.

Please send all documents via email **to wera@aera.net.** Applicants are requested to insert '*WERA- Academic Researcher Programme*' into the subject of their email when submitting the application.

Selection process

The deadline for your applications is **April 1st, 2023**. All applications are reviewed by an academic committee of the partner institutes. Candidates will be notified of acceptance or rejection within eight weeks of the deadline. Please be assured that the information sent by you is used only for the internal review process and will not be passed on to any third party.