



ICAP SECRETARIAT HOSTING INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE PROTECTION FELLOWS 2026/2027

Call for applications!

Application Deadline

Friday, 20 December 2024

Overview

The International Climate Protection Fellowship, sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI), annually funds up to 15 prospective leaders from non-European transition or developing countries (**see list of eligible countries**) to spend **a year in Germany** to do **research-based work on climate protection at a host institution**. The possibility of long-term academic research for **12-24 months** is also possible for **post-docs**.

For the **program starting in 2026**, ICAP has the capacity to accommodate a fellow to work with our Secretariat team. A Humboldt placement at the ICAP Secretariat enables you to gain first-hand experience with the work of an international secretariat and help spread awareness and understanding about emissions trading systems.

Who should apply to a place in the ICAP Secretariat?

Individuals that are currently engaged in work related to carbon pricing, carbon crediting markets, Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) processes, or other climate related policies and are interested in conducting research on Emissions Trading Systems or carbon markets related research.

Eligibility Criteria

- First university degree completed **less than 12 years ago by 1 February 2025**
- At least **4 years of work experience after the first university degree** in the field of climate protection or climate-related resource conservation
- **Or** alternatively a master's degree in any field plus at least twelve months of relevant professional experience related to climate issues after the first university degree
- Conception of a research-based project in the field of climate protection or climate-related resource conservation, agreed in advance with the host
- **Two letters of recommendation** on the candidate's academic, professional and personal eligibility as well as their leadership skills
- Citizenship of a program country (see list of countries) which is also de applicant's habitual residence and place of work
- Very good knowledge of English and/or German

See [here](#) the full list of criteria and further program information.

Benefits of the ICP Fellowship

- A monthly stipend, according to qualifications, between 2,200 EUR, 2,500 EUR or 2,700 EUR, depending on the career stage, plus a mobility allowance and a subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance
- Before the start of the fellowship, the Humboldt Foundation provides an intensive German language course in Germany lasting one or two months (including for accompanying partners).
- Lump sum for travel expenses.
- In addition, a family allowance for accompanying partners and/or children under 18 will be granted if they are staying in Germany for at least three months.
- Allowance for research costs between 500 EUR per month in the humanities and social sciences or 800 EUR for research-based proposals in the natural and engineering sciences
- Additional extension of the fellowship by up to three months on application
- Allowance for a study or research visit to an institution in another European country lasting from one to two months on application.
- A three-week introductory phase, including visits to companies, research institutions and cultural events in Germany.
- Extensive alumni sponsorship to support long-term connections with your cooperation partners in Germany.

More information on the fellowship can be found at the German Humboldt Foundation [webpage](#).

How to apply to the ICAP Secretariat

The application deadline for the ICPF Fellowship is February 1, 2025. However, applicants must secure the support of a host institution as part of their application. While there are many qualified candidates within the ICAP alumni network, the Secretariat can host a maximum of two fellows. Therefore, we will conduct a pre-selection process to identify the most suitable candidates. To provide adequate support for your application, we require sufficient time to prepare before the ICPF submission deadline.

If you would like to apply, please send (santiagoramirez.niembro@icapcarbonaction.com and ccsecretariat@icapcarbonaction.com) **by December 20, 2024:**

- **Motivation Statement:** A brief explanation of your interest in collaborating with ICAP in Berlin. Outline your passion for the subject and what makes you the ideal candidate for this fellowship.
- **Research Project Proposal:** Provide a description of the research project (1 pager) you intend to pursue during your year at ICAP. Your proposal should clearly demonstrate the relevance and connection to carbon pricing, with a specific focus on ETSs.
- **Your updated CV.** Please be sure that you **comply with the criteria from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation**.

Contact

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