

**Europa-Liebig-Stipendium für Nachwuchswissenschaftler in der Chemie  
aus Griechenland, Portugal oder Spanien**

Der Fonds möchte einem ausländischen Nachwuchswissenschaftler, der in Deutschland eine ein- bis zweijährige Postdoktorandenzeit verbracht hat, die Chance geben, mit einem Liebig-Stipendium in sein Heimatland (Griechenland, Portugal, Spanien) zurückzukehren, um dort eine Nachwuchsgruppe aufzubauen (die männliche Form schließt die weibliche ein).

Der Antrag ist gemeinsam mit dem Hochschullehrer in Deutschland, der die Postdoktorandenzeit betreut hat, zu stellen. Dieser verpflichtet sich, während der Stipendienlaufzeit weiterhin als Mentor zu fungieren und bei der Abwicklung der Sachmittel durch die ausländische Hochschulverwaltung unterstützend tätig zu werden. Einmal pro Jahr erstellt er einen Kurzbericht (1 bis 2 Seiten) für den Fonds. Darin soll zur Unabhängigkeit des Forschungsprojektes und zum Fortschritt der Arbeit Stellung bezogen werden.

Voraussetzung, Dotierung und Auswahlverfahren entsprechen dem des Liebig-Stipendiums in Deutschland (siehe Merkblatt), d.h. es gibt keine zusätzlichen Auslandszuschläge. Anträge können ab sofort bis spätestens 30. April 2014 eingereicht werden.

**Europe Liebig Fellowship for a young scientist in chemistry  
from Greece, Portugal or Spain**

This fellowship is intended for one young foreign scientist in the chemical sector who has spent a post-doctoral period of 1 to 2 years in Germany. With a Europe Liebig Fellowship, the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie wishes to provide an opportunity for this scientist to return to his/her country (Greece, Portugal or Spain), in order to build up an independent junior research group in that country.

The application needs to be made jointly with the university teacher who hosted the foreign scientist during his/her post-doctoral stay in Germany. This university teacher continues his mentorship throughout the entire timespan for which the Europe Liebig Fellowship is granted. Furthermore he assumes a supporting role in the making available the equipment allowance through the administration of the foreign university in Greece, Portugal or Spain. Once a year, the university teacher writes a short report (1 to 2 pages) for the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie. This report provides information about the independence of the research project and the progress of the activities.

Prerequisites, benefits and the selection procedure are the same as for the Liebig Fellowship in Germany (see the leaflet), i.e. no extra allowance is paid to the beneficiary because he/she is living and working abroad.

Applications can be made from today to 30 April 2014 (closing date).

**Europe Liebig Fellowship for a young scientist in chemistry from Greece, Portugal or Spain - Guidelines**

**The purpose of the Europe Liebig Fellowship is to support prospective university professors in chemistry.**

**Prerequisites:**

- Greece, Portugal or Spain national.
- PhD in chemistry or related fields.
- Outstanding academic achievement.
- post-doctoral period of 1 to 2 years in Germany (university or non industrial research institute)
- Relocation and new research group after PhD (It is not possible to return to the university where the PhD was obtained or to the research group of the PhD supervisor. This also applies if the PhD supervisor has meanwhile changed to another university.)
- Performance of chemistry-oriented research work.
- As a general rule, no more than 3 years must have passed between the PhD and the application for a Liebig Fellowship.

**Benefits of the Fellowship / Conditions:**

- The Liebig Fellowship beneficiary receives monthly payments of € 3,100 (see overleaf), and
- € 3,000 per annum to purchase scientific literature and to attend scientific symposiums or further education courses.
- The Fellowship runs for 3 years. On application, the Fellowship may be extended maximally by 2 additional years if the PhD was obtained no longer than 6 years ago. Further benefits of the Fellowship:
- One-time allowance for equipment of € 50,000 + € 15,000 per year of extension, and
- 1 PhD Fellowship for a 3-year period (see annex) to finance 1 scientific staff.
- Any form of double financial support is excluded; payments from public sources are deducted from the Liebig Fellowship.
- The beneficiary undertakes to accept funding from only one donor and to mainly and regularly dedicate his/her work activities to the scientific work for which he/she receives funding within this Fellowship.
- Furthermore, the beneficiary undertakes to immediately notify Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds of any changes which affect the requirements for / conditions of the Liebig Fellowship or of any facts which are significant to the implementation of this Fellowship. This applies generally and, in particular, to any reason which prevents the beneficiary of the Liebig Fellowship from performing in person the funded work. The only exceptions from this notification requirement are absence of less than three weeks due to illness and vacation-related absence. In cases where such above-mentioned points relate to the person benefitting from the PhD Fellowship within the Liebig Fellowship, the beneficiary of the Liebig Fellowship falls under the notification requirement from the moment when he/she becomes aware or should be aware of these points.
- Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds reserves the right to withdraw or suspend the Liebig Fellowship if there are important reasons damaging the reputation of the Fellowship or if the beneficiary does not fulfil his/her obligations arising under this Fellowship. In cases where the Fellowship is withdrawn, Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds can demand the beneficiary to pay back (partly or in full) the funds already received within the Liebig Fellowship - applying the principle of proportionality and considering all the circumstances in the individual case.

**Applications can be made until 30 April 2014.**

**Please note that applications can be considered only after all required documents have been submitted to the Secretariat of Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds.**

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**The following application documents are required:**

- Letter of recommendation by a university teacher (usually the PhD supervisor), confirming the scientific qualification and suitability of the applicant for a university career
- Letter of recommendation by the supervising German scientist of the post-doctoral stay
- Written commitment by the mentor, confirming that a working place is provided for the applicant, together with a list of available infrastructure (1 page)
- Subject of and detailed work plan for the research activity
- Short report on diploma thesis (1-2 pages)
- Officially certified copies of main diploma examination and PhD, with individual grades
- 3 copies - in paper form - of the PhD thesis (will be returned after appraisal) **and** electronic version (pdf-file up to 10 MB) via email to kiefer@vci.de
- List of publications
- Completed personal data application form (**available on request from Dr Stefanie Kiefer: Kiefer@vci.de**)
- CV in tabular form

According to § 3 item 44 of the German Income Tax Law, fellowships from non-profit organizations such as Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds des Verbandes der Chemischen Industrie are income-tax free on the following conditions:

- a) The fellowships do not exceed the amounts necessary to perform a research task or to cover living expenses and the need for professional training, and the fellowships are awarded according to relevant guidelines of the donor;
- b) Beneficiaries of fellowships are not obliged to render any specific scientific or artistic service in return or to perform work as employees.

**In order to ensure smooth administration, we store and use all data connected with fellowships awarded by our organization - including personal data - in our IT system. Should you have any objections to this, please let us know within 14 days.**

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**Annex to the Europe Liebig Fellowship for a young scientist in chemistry from Greece, Portugal or Spain**

**Guidelines: PhD Fellowship**

for Europe Liebig Fellowship beneficiaries to finance 1 scientific staff - in order to build up a group of young investigators

**Prerequisites:**

- The Europe Liebig Fellowship beneficiary selects 1 staff member whom he/she thinks suitable and wants to present to Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds as a potential PhD candidate.
- This staff member must have completed university studies of **chemistry** or related fields and qualify for admission to a PhD degree.
- As a general rule, this application should be made latest 6 months after the start of the work on the PhD thesis.
- The PhD Fellowship cannot be split between several staff members.

**Benefits of the PhD Fellowship / Conditions:**

- The PhD Fellowship beneficiary receives monthly payments of € 1,750 (see overleaf).
- € 1,000 per annum are made available to purchase scientific literature and to attend scientific symposiums within Europe that are directly connected with the work on the PhD thesis.
- The Fellowship runs for 3 years.
- Any form of double financial support is excluded; payments from public sources are deducted from the PhD Fellowship.
- The beneficiary undertakes to accept funding from only one donor and to mainly and regularly dedicate his/her work activities to the scientific work for which he/she receives funding within this Fellowship.
- Furthermore, the beneficiary undertakes to immediately notify Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds of any changes which affect the requirements for / conditions of the PhD Fellowship or of any facts which are significant to the implementation of this Fellowship. This applies generally and, in particular, to any reason which prevents the beneficiary from performing in person the funded work. The only exceptions from this notification requirement are absence of less than three weeks due to illness and vacation-related absence.
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**The applicant is the Europe Liebig Fellowship beneficiary. The following application documents are required:**

- Letter of recommendation by the Europe Liebig Fellowship beneficiary
- Subject of and work plan for the PhD thesis [summary and objectives (1 page), introduction with citations / current status of research, planned experiments (5-7 pages), time schedule (spreadsheet, 1 page)]; to be elaborated by the PhD candidate
- Officially certified copies of university degree with individual grades
- Completed personal data application form
- CV in tabular form, list of publications (if applicable)

**Please note that applications can be considered only after all required documents for the PhD Fellowship have been submitted to the Secretariat of Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds.**

Applications for a PhD Fellowship can be made at any time after the award of the Europe Liebig Fellowship.

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