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Goals and Benefits

The Freiburg Rising Stars Academy was established in 2020 to bring together highly talented early career researchers with top-level scientists within the strongest disciplines of the University of Freiburg.

The goals of these collaborations are as diverse as science itself: international exchange, building networks, joint publications and external funding proposals, sharing ideas among the best of their fields. The Freiburg Rising Stars Academy aims to be a door opener for the next career steps of early career researchers (PhD Candidates and PostDocs) at our university. We will create sustainable networks and connections from which everyone can benefit for years to come.

This is what awaits our Rising Stars:

- International experience
- Top-level research collaboration
- Opportunity to build and enhance professional networks
- Access to excellent research infrastructure
- Travel stipends to Freiburg, and more...

For details, please visit www.uni-freiburg.de/frsa
The Class of 2021/2022 at the Freiburg Rising Stars Academy

Together with scientists from the Profile Fields “Biological Signalling Studies” and “Functional and Bioinspired Materials”, we invite applications for admission to the Freiburg Rising Stars Academy for the first time in 2021.

Important elements of those Profile Fields are e.g. the Clusters of Excellence CIBSS – Centre for Integrative Biological Signalling Studies, BIOSS Centre for Biological Signalling Studies and Living, Adaptive and Energy-autonomous Materials Systems (livMatS).

We are looking for highly qualified PhD Candidates, PostDocs and other early career researchers from the fields of Materials Science, Chemistry, Biology, Genetics, Informatics, Physics, Engineering, Microscopy, Medicine, and numerous related interdisciplinary fields.

How to Apply

We offer two different Tracks to apply for admission to the Freiburg Rising Stars Academy.

In Track 1, candidates will apply directly for collaboration with one of the Host Principle Investigators. Only PostDocs and researchers on a similar career level are eligible for Track 2. This allows for an application without choosing a Host Principle Investigator.

For details about the application process, candidates should visit https://uni-freiburg.de/frsa/

Application deadline is July 29, 2021.

The Rising Stars will be selected by the Host Principal Investigators, the speakers of the Profile Fields mentioned above, as well as an international panel of experts. Successful candidates will be announced by end of September 2021.

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Time Table of the Freiburg Rising Stars Academy 2021/2022

From application to a research stay in Freiburg: This is what awaits candidates now and after admission to the Freiburg Rising Stars Academy:

**June 2021:** Call open for applications for admission to the Freiburg Rising Stars Academy

**July 29, 2021:** Application deadline.

**End of September 2021:** Announcement of successful candidates

**October 2021 – March 2022:** Virtual Collaboration

Collaboration between Rising Stars and Host Principal Investigators starts on a virtual level in October 2021. This might include, but is not limited to:

- Definition of a joint research topic or research project
- Definition of a scientific challenge and discussion of possible solutions and research approaches
- Preliminary work for a joint publication or an application for external funding
- Discussion and setting-up of a long-term joint project

The Rising Stars and the Host Principal Investigator mutually define the topic and content of their collaboration. Applicants are encouraged to provide their own ideas for collaboration.

**March 21 to March 25, 2022:** Freiburg Rising Stars Conference

We will invite all Rising Stars to Freiburg, their travel expenses will be covered. The conference will include scientific workshops, time in the labs, social activities as well as the Rising Stars Night. During the Rising Stars Night, a panel of experts will nominate the Rising Stars who will be accepted to the Rising Stars in Residence Programme. Details about the competition will be announced to the candidates selected for admission to the Freiburg Rising Stars Academy. However, participation in the competition is not mandatory for Rising Stars and their teams.

**Summer and autumn of 2022:** Rising Stars in Residence Programme:

Rising Stars selected for this programme will receive a travel stipend up to **5,000 Euros** each for coming back to Freiburg for an extended research stay in summer and autumn of 2022.

All events taking place in Freiburg will comply with the latest pandemic-related hygiene regulations. The health and safety of all participants is our highest priority.