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Call for Applications

30 Fellows in the *College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research (CIDER)*

The *College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research* is an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers in the field of education. The aims of the College are the advancement of interdisciplinary collaboration and methodological training in quantitative educational research, as well as the early independence and career development of young scholars. After the College completed two successful rounds in the past six years, it now calls for applications for a third cohort of 30 excellent junior scientists in educational science, psychology, economics, and sociology in the early post-doctoral stage.

The College is funded by the Jacobs Foundation in cooperation with various Leibniz institutes and universities —DIPF Frankfurt, DIW Berlin, DZHW Hannover, Hector Research Institute of Education Sciences and Psychology Tübingen (HIB), IPN Kiel, Institute for Educational Quality Improvement Berlin (IQB), LIfBi Bamberg, University of Luxemburg, WZB Berlin, and ZEW Mannheim.

From October 1, 2019, through September 20, 2022, the College offers a range of activities and funding opportunities to its fellows, including:

- Funding for research collaborations within the College's main research areas:
1) *educational inequality and success against the odds*, 2) *competence development as an educational and social process*, 3) *returns to education*,
- Bi-annual interdisciplinary research workshops for its fellows and participating senior researchers including methodological and professional development components,
- Networking opportunities with experienced researchers in the field of education research,
- Mentoring by seniors from the participating research institutes or CIDER alumni,
- Public Science activities awards (2021 and 2022).

The kick-off workshop of the new CIDER cohort will take place on **October 15-17, 2019** at IPN (Kiel).

The fellowship does not include employment at the WZB or other Leibniz institutes. Fellows are expected to participate in the above mentioned activities. The working language of the College is English. More detailed information about the College and your commitment as a fellow can be found on this website: www.ciderweb.org.

Required qualifications:

- Post-doctoral status (at least submitted dissertation thesis and not more than 3 years after receiving the PhD)
- Above-average degree in one of the following disciplines: Education, psychology, economics, or sociology
- Current employment (incl. scholarships) at a university or research institution in Europe
- Research in the field of education or education-related issues

- Strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration in quantitative–empirical research projects (within the College)
- Strong skills in quantitative methods of empirical social research
- Excellent written and spoken English

Application documents:

- CV and publication list
- Copies of credentials (transcripts)
- Letter of interest (in English) with reference to at least one of the College's three main research areas
- One letter of reference (from senior researchers or other academic advisors, to be handed in by the applicant, in English or German)
- One published paper or a dissertation chapter

Candidates with disabilities will be given preference if equally qualified. CIDER expressly invites women and persons with an immigrant background to apply.

Candidates are kindly requested to submit their application documents to:
WZB Berlin Social Science Research Center Berlin
Sabine Hübgen (e-mail: cider@wzb.eu)

Application documents have to be in English (letters of reference may also be in German) and must be submitted **electronically in one file no later than April 15, 2019**. Acceptance notifications will be sent by July 15, 2019.

