Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Bayer Foundation Fellowship.

Your entries will be stored temporarily, and you can resume filling out the questionnaire later. However, we recommend keeping a security copy of your entries to prevent data loss if you are not able to complete the entire application in one sitting!

Before you begin applying, please consider the following:

- **The maximum funding is 10.000€ for a maximum of six months.**
- Application must be made **in English** via the **application portal**, which will be closed on **January 18, 2027, at 23:59 CET**.
- Please read the complete application **guidelines & FAQs** here
- Please use the **checklist** below.

To complete the application form, you will need to prepare the following information (see the Guidelines & FAQs for detailed requirements):

- **A brief abstract-style summary of your project** (max. 750 characters incl. spaces)
- **A detailed project description** highlighting the scientific or industrial relevance of your project, its collaborative nature, and any interdisciplinary aspects (max. 2,000 characters incl. spaces)
- **A description of the potential societal relevance and impact of your project**, including relevance to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, where applicable (max. 1,750 characters incl. spaces)
- **A personal statement**, including your motivation for applying, your personal and professional aspirations, and any additional information relevant to your application (max. 1,750 characters incl. spaces)
- **A proposed budget** for the fellowship period, including a breakdown of all costs in euros (e.g., travel, rent, and other eligible expenses)
- If applicable, **a justification for exceptional costs**
- If applying for funding related to caregiving responsibilities, **details of caregiving responsibilities and related costs**
- If applicable, **information on additional funding expected during the fellowship period**
- If available, **a list of publications, posters, presentations, scientific talks, prizes, awards, or other academic achievements**

To complete the application, you will need to provide the following documents in English (or accompanied by an English translation where applicable):

- **One letter of support from your self-selected host institute**
- **Two recommendation letters, including at least one from a current and/or previous direct supervisor at your home institute**
- **A short curriculum vitae (CV)**
- **The certificate of your most recently completed degree program** (if applicable)
- **An official academic transcript for your current study program** (except PhD students)
- **Proof of enrollment in your current study program**
- **A one-minute motivation video**
- **An official acceptance letter or admission confirmation for a future study program** (if applicable)
- If applying for caregiving support, **proof of the existence of your child(ren)** (e.g. birth certificate(s) or equivalent official documentation)

Additional requirements for uploaded documents:

- Please ensure that all documents are **submitted in English.** If an original document is issued in another language, please provide an **English translation** together with the original.
- All files must be uploaded **as PDF** documents unless stated otherwise.
- Letters must be issued on **official institutional letterhead**
- Letters must contain either a **handwritten or digital signature**
- The host institution letter must confirm its willingness to host the applicant and specify the **planned fellowship start date** and

expected duration of the fellowship

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Q6 - Fellowship Application

Fellowship Application

Which Bayer Foundation Fellowship are you applying for?

- Drug Discovery
- Agricultural Science
- Climate & Health
- Medical Science

Project title:

Project field/subject *(max. 2 choices)*:

- Molecular & Cellular Biology
- Clinical & Health Sciences
- Oncology & Cancer Research
- Cardiovascular Research
- Infectious Diseases & Microbiology

Immunology

Neuroscience

Public & Global Health

Pharmaceutical Sciences & Drug Discovery

Agriculture, Plant & Food Sciences

Climate & Environmental Sciences

Data Science, AI & Bioinformatics

Engineering & Biomedical Technology

Chemical Sciences

Other

Please specify Other:

Please provide a brief abstract-style summary of your project *(max. 750 characters incl. spaces)*:

Please describe your project in more detail, highlighting its **scientific or industrial relevance**, **collaborative nature**, and **interdisciplinary approach**. Please indicate the collaborating

partners and outline the distinct disciplines contributing to the project. *(max. 2,000 characters incl. spaces)*:

Please describe the potential relevance and impact of your project on society (including the UN Sustainable Development Goals, if relevant) *(max. 1,750 characters incl. spaces)*:

Please provide a personal statement, including motivation for the application, personal and professional aspirations, and any additional relevant information *(max. 1,750 characters incl. spaces)*:

Please indicate the proposed start and end dates of your fellowship. Funding is available for a **maximum period of six months**. If your planned activity exceeds six months, please enter only the dates covering the period for which you are requesting funding, **not the total duration of the activity**.
The funding period cannot begin before **August 1, 2027**. Consequently, fellowship funds can only be disbursed after this date. **Funding cannot be used retrospectively**. The only exceptions are visa and flight expenses, which may be incurred before August 1, 2027 if required in preparation for the fellowship. **Please note that the earliest possible departure date is August 1, 2027.**

Proposed start date of the fellowship:

Proposed end date of the fellowship:

Q2 - Current Study Program

Your Current Study Program

Please provide information about your current study program at your current university.

Level:

Please specify the level of your studies:

Study field:

Please name your study field:

Start date of current study program:

Expected date of completion of current study program:
Please note: you must be enrolled in a study program throughout the fellowship period. Applicants at the end of their Master's program may still be eligible if they remain enrolled as students and have already received acceptance for a PhD position. (Evidence of the PhD offer will be required. Information about your next study program will be requested later in this form.)

Institute:
Please provide only the name of the institute or university, not the specific department. (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

City:

Country:

Supervisor name:

**optional, if relevant*

Host Institute

Please provide information about your selected host institute where you plan to undertake your fellowship.

Self-selected host institute, where you would undertake the fellowship:
Please provide only the name of the institute or university, not the specific department. (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

City:

Country of your self-selected host institute:
As you are currently enrolled at a German university, you can only apply

*if your placement takes place **outside Germany***

Country of your self-selected host institute:
*As you are currently enrolled at a university abroad, you can only apply if your placement takes place **inside Germany***

Germany

Host supervisor name:

Q4 - Completed University Study Programs

Completed University Study Programs (Degree 1 - 4)

Degree 1 - Level *(select "none" if not applicable)*:

Degree 1 - Please specify the level:

Degree 1 - Subject/title *(e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology)*:

Degree 1 - Start date:

Degree 1 - Completion date:

Degree 1 - Grade/mark *(in the German grading scale; convert if necessary; please comment if your degree is not graded, e.g. UK PhDs)*:

Degree 1 - Institute:
Please provide only the name of the institute or university, not the

specific department. (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

Degree 1 - Country:

Degree 2 - Level *(select "none" if not applicable)*:

Degree 2 - Please specify the level:

Degree 2 - Subject/title *(e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology)*:

Degree 2 - Start date:

Degree 2 - Completion date:

Degree 2 - Grade/mark (in the German grading scale; convert if necessary; please comment if your degree is not graded, e.g. UK PhDs):

Degree 2 - Institute:
Please provide only the name of the institute or university, not the specific department. (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

Degree 2 - Country:

Degree 3 - Level *(select "none" if not applicable)*:

Degree 3 - Please specify the level:

Degree 3 - Subject/title *(e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology)*:

Degree 3 - Start date:

Degree 3 - Completion date:

Degree 3 - Grade/mark *(in the German grading scale; convert if necessary; please comment if your degree is not graded, e.g. UK*

PhDs):

Degree 3 - Institute:
Please provide only the name of the institute or university, not the specific department. (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

Degree 3 - Country:

Degree 4 - Level *(select "none" if not applicable)*:

Degree 4 - Please specify the level:

Degree 4 - Subject/title *(e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology)*:

Degree 4 - Start date:

Degree 4 - Completion date:

Degree 4 - Grade/mark *(in the German grading scale; convert if necessary; please comment if your degree is not graded, e.g. UK PhDs)*:

Degree 4 - Institute:
Please provide only the name of the institute or university, not the specific department. (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

Degree 4 - Country:

Publications and Awards

Publications and Awards (optional)

Please list any awards, prizes, scholarships, or other academic recognitions received during your current or previous studies:

**optional, if relevant*

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Please list relevant publications, posters, presentations, or scientific talks related to your current or previous studies (include title, authors, full citation, and DOI where applicable).

**optional, if relevant*

1.

2.

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Q3 - Next Study Program (optional)

Next Study Program *(optional)*

These fields are relevant if, for example, you are at the end of your Master's program, meaning that you are still enrolled as a student, but have already been accepted for your next position as a PhD student.

Level *(select "none" if not applicable)*:

Please specify the level of your future studies:

Subject/ title *(e.g. Chemistry, Developmental Biology)*:

Expected start date:

Institute:

Please provide only the name of the institute or university, not the specific department. (e.g. Technical University Berlin).

Country:

Supervisor name:

*optional, if relevant

Q5 - Activities

Activities

Please tell us about any additional activities or experiences relevant to your personal or professional development:
This can include volunteering, outreach work, community work, relevant work experience, internships, placements, and similar. If it gives an indication of your personal motivation and ambition, or is relevant to your professional experience then please include it below.

How many activities do you want to add *(select "none" if not applicable)*?

Activity 1

Dates *(yyyy-mm-dd)*:

Role of activity:

Program/institute/supervisor/organization *(as relevant):*

Key activities/responsibilities *(max. 100 words)*:

Activity 2

Dates *(yyyy-mm-dd)*:

Role of activity:

Program/institute/supervisor/organization *(as relevant):*

Key activities/responsibilities *(max. 100 words)*:

Activity 3

Dates *(yyyy-mm-dd)*:

Role of activity:

Program/institute/supervisor/organization *(as relevant):*

Key activities/responsibilities *(max. 100 words)*:

Activity 4

Dates *(yyyy-mm-dd)*:

Role of activity:

Program/institute/supervisor/organization *(as relevant):*

Key activities/responsibilities *(max. 100 words)*:

Activity 5

Dates *(yyyy-mm-dd)*:

Role of activity:

Program/institute/supervisor/organization *(as relevant):*

Key activities/responsibilities *(max. 100 words)*:

Q7 - Budget

Budget

How much total funding in euros are you requesting (excluding exceptional costs and caregiving costs)?

Please note: the maximum fellowship amount is EUR 10,000. Any such costs must be justified in the following tables.

(Please enter numbers only and do not use any punctuation. Please enter the total amount without "," or ".")

Please fill out the budget plan with your expected expenses of Euros:

For city-specific prices in Germany in 2023 have a look on the table here.

Please note: Costs related to accompanying children may be included under the relevant budget categories. However, childcare expenses (e.g. for nannies, babysitters, or similar services) should not be included here. Information on caregiving responsibilites, if applicable, will be collected separately later in the application form.

Airfare incl. transport to/from airport:	€ 0
Local public transportation costs during fellowship:	€ 0
Visa costs:	€ 0
Housing/rent incl. utilities (e.g. electricity, water, internet etc.)*:	€ 0
Phone:	€ 0
Food:	€ 0
Health Insurance:	€ 0
Total	€ 0

Please give a **short description/ explanation in words for your individual costs** calculated above:

Write "not applicable" if certain expenses do not occur in your case.

	Description
Airfare incl. transport to/from airport:	
Local public transportation costs during fellowship:	
Visa costs:	
Housing/rent incl. utilities (e.g. electricity, water,internet etc.)*:	
Phone:	
Food:	
Health Insurance:	

Do you apply for funding with **exceptional costs**?

Please see the Guidelines & FAQ for further details. Exceptional costs are additional, non-standard expenses that are essential for the successful completion of a fellowship and cannot be covered by the regular fellowship funding. All requests for exceptional costs must be clearly justified and will be assessed by the Bayer Foundation on a case-by-case basis.

- Yes
- No

How much funding in euros are you requesting for **exceptional costs**?
Exceptional costs are limited to EUR 2,500 in total. Exceptional costs are paid on top of—and does not count toward—the EUR 10,000 fellowship maximum.

(Please enter numbers only and do not use any punctuation. Please enter the total amount without "," or ".")

Please explain your request for exceptional costs:
We recommend discussing these costs with your host institute before submitting your application. This should include a justification of the costs, why they are not covered by the host organization, and why these costs are essential to the program. Please also include a detailed breakdown of the costs (max. 1,750 characters incl. spaces).

Do you apply for funding to cover **caregiving responsibilities?**
Please see the Guidelines & FAQ for further details. Parents with caregiving responsibilities who bring their child(ren) to the fellowship location are eligible for an additional funding of EUR 500 per month.

Yes

No

How much funding are you requesting in euros for **caregiving responsibilities**?

*You can request **EUR 500 per month**, with a maximum of EUR 3,000 for six months. Please note that we only cover the duration of your fellowship. This childcare support is paid on top of—and does not count toward—the EUR 10,000 fellowship maximum.*

(Please enter numbers only and do not use any punctuation. Please enter the total amount without "," or ".")

Please explain your request for caregiving responsibilities:

This funding may be used for child-related expenses such as nannies, babysitters, or other daycare services. Costs related to partners or other accompanying adults, including travel or living expenses, are not covered. Please include a detailed breakdown of the costs (max. 1,750 characters incl. spaces).

How many children will you be bringing with you?

Will you receive **any additional funding or payment** for the proposed fellowship from other sources?
For example, other fellowships/stipends, payment for an internship or salary. Please note that this will not affect your opportunity to receive a Bayer Foundation fellowship if you are applying for costs that are not covered by other funding.

- Yes
- No

Please describe any additional financial support you expect to receive during the fellowship period (e.g. scholarships, salary, grants, or other funding) and explain how it will be used. If these funds are restricted and cannot be used to cover fellowship-related expenses included in your budget plan, please explain why *(max. 1,750 characters incl. spaces).*

Q1 - Personal Data

Personal Data

Last name:

First name:

Gender:

*optional

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary / third gender

Date of birth:

Nationality:

*optional

Address:

Country of residence:

Email address:
*Please use a **private email address,** if possible, instead of your university email address.*

Q8 - File Upload

File Upload

Please ensure that all documents are submitted in English. If

an original document is issued in another language, please provide an English translation together with the original. All files must be uploaded as PDF documents unless stated otherwise.

Short curriculum vitae (CV):

Please upload one PDF containing a concise curriculum vitae (CV) summarizing your educational background, relevant experience, achievements, and activities.

Letter of support from host institute:

Please upload one PDF containing a ***letter of support from your self-selected host institute****. The letter must be issued by your prospective host supervisor or an equivalent authorized representative of the host institute and must confirm the institute's willingness to host you during the proposed fellowship period. The letter must specify the* ***planned start date and the expected duration of the fellowship****.*

Requirements for all support, acceptance, and recommendation letters: *Letters must be issued on* ***official institutional letterhead*** *and include the name, position, and*

*affiliation of the signatory as well as either a **handwritten or digital signature**.*

Recommendation letter from current institute:

*Please upload one PDF containing your **first recommendation letter** from a current direct supervisor at your home institute.*

***Requirements for all support, acceptance, and recommendation letters:** Letters must be issued on **official institutional letterhead** and include the name, position, and affiliation of the signatory as well as either a **handwritten or digital signature**.*

Second recommendation letter:

Please upload one PDF containing a **second recommendation letter** from a supervisor, professor, academic mentor, or other qualified referee. The referee may be affiliated with your current or a previous institute.

Requirements for all support, acceptance, and recommendation letters:** Letters must be issued on **official

institutional letterhead *and include the name, position, and affiliation of the signatory as well as either a* ***handwritten or digital signature****.*

Proof of enrollment in current study program:

Please upload one PDF containing an official proof of enrollment for your current study/PhD program. The document must clearly indicate your name, degree program, and enrollment period. ***Please ensure that the document confirms your student status for the period relevant to the proposed fellowship.***

Degree certificate:

Please upload one PDF containing the certificate of your ***most recently completed degree*** *program (e.g. Bachelor's, Master's, or equivalent).*

Please ensure that all documents are submitted in English**.** *If an original document is issued in another language, please provide an English translation together with the original.*

Academic transcript:

*Please upload one PDF containing the **most recent official academic transcript for your current study program**, including all courses completed and grades achieved to date.*

Motivation video:

*Please upload a video of no more than **1 minute** in length. The purpose of this video is to help the Bayer Foundation and the selection jury better understand your motivation for applying for this fellowship.*

Please explain:

- *why you are applying for the fellowship,*
- *why you selected the proposed host institute, and*
- *how the fellowship will contribute to your academic and professional development.*

*Please ensure that you are clearly visible and audible throughout the recording. **The use of editing techniques, special effects, filters, or AI-generated content is not permitted.***

Maximum file size: 50 MB

Future study program acceptance letter (if applicable):

Please upload one PDF containing the acceptance letter for your future study program. The letter should confirm your admission to the program and indicate the planned start date.

Requirements for all support, acceptance, and recommendation letters: *Letters must be issued on* ***official institutional letterhead*** *and include the name, position, and affiliation of the signatory as well as either a* ***handwritten or digital signature****.*

Proof of child(ren)'s existence:

Please upload one PDF containing a copy of the birth certificate(s) of your child or children, or other official documentation confirming the existence of your child(ren).

Q9 - Data Privacy

Data Privacy

Please go back and check that your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

After submission, you will no longer be able to make any changes.

I guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. I confirm that I will immediately inform the Bayer Foundation of any change in the information provided in this application form.

Yes, I agree.

I have read the data privacy statement and I hereby consent to this processing. I also confirm that I have obtained consent from the supervisors listed in this application to provide their personal information.
Please see here how the data provided by you are processed by Bayer Foundation. Please also inform supervisors for whom you provided personal data.

Yes, I agree.

Place:

Date:

9/25/2026

Signature

× SIGN HERE

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Do you have any feedback relating to the fellowship descriptions, the application process, or any other aspect of this application?

*optional

Where did you hear about our fellowships?

*optional

- Bayer Foundation Website
- Bayer Foundation Newsletter
- Direct email from Bayer Foundation
- Colleague/ Friend
- Supervisor
- Bayer employee
- My University
- Website Listing
- LinkedIn
- Instagram
- Other

Please specify:

*optional

Please provide the website link:

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