

Max Planck Africa Mobility Grant

Aim: The aim is to offer African scientists to get the opportunity for an annual research stay at a Max Planck Institute with access to research facilities, training and networking opportunities as well as scientific exchange.

Target Group: Excellent African Scientists from Postdoc to senior scientist level

Offer: Travel grant of 3,000 Euro annually for three years.

Size of programme: Up to six mobility grants per year.

Duration: 3 years per call with an evaluation in year four, when the first mobility grants have come to an end and the second is half way through in order to decide about the future of the programme.

Finances: 9,000 per mobility grant

- accommodation costs
- per diem (EUR 24,00 per day according to the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz))
- travel expenses between Africa and Germany (economy return ticket)
- local travel expenses within Germany for research purposes during the stay (according to the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz))
- expenses for consumables or other scientific costs

Procedures:

Application from candidates to MPIs/Max Planck Directors; nomination sent through Max Planck Directors to HQ. Proposals are evaluated according to the standard procedures for MPG.

Added value MPG: Offering African scientists to spend a research stay at a Max Planck Institute will strengthen the cooperation between both partners and allow African researchers to cooperate on eye level with Max Planck scientists. "Helicopter research", where foreign scientists come to an African country to collect samples with the help of their African research partners in order to measure them at their home institute without the African research partner will be avoided.