

JACOBS
FOUNDATION
RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIPS

A GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH ON CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship Program is a globally competitive fellowship program for early and mid-career researchers aiming at improving the development and living conditions of children and youth or contributing to one of the Jacobs Foundation's thematic priorities. This includes, but is not limited to educational sciences, psychology, economics, sociology, family studies, media studies, political sciences, linguistics, neurosciences, and medical sciences.

Fellowships are awarded to the most highly talented and innovative young scholars and mid-career researchers working on child and youth development. Funds from Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowships are awarded directly to the fellow's institution and may be used over a three-year period by the fellow to partially cover the fellow's salary and for any activity supporting the fellow's research, such as assistant salaries, equipment, technical assistance, professional travel, or trainee support.

Scholars who engage in interdisciplinary work on individual development and learning of children and youth, and who seek to combine genetic, epigenetic, neurobiological, behavioral and social levels of analysis, are particularly encouraged to apply.

Besides providing fellows with independent and competitive funding, the program offers a wide range of non-financial benefits. Fellows are encouraged to interact with each other and make use of the Jacobs Foundation's Conference Center Marbach Castle at Lake Constance (Germany) for short-term group residencies and workshops. Networking and alumni events will enrich the fellowships.

INDEPENDENT AND COMPETITIVE FUNDING: FELLOWSHIP CATEGORIES

	Jacobs Early Career Research Fellowship	Jacobs Advanced Research Fellowship
<i>Target Group</i>	Highly talented young scholars working on child and youth development. The ideal candidate has obtained his/her PhD no more than 7 years ago.	Most innovative mid-career researchers working on child and youth development. The ideal candidate has obtained his/her PhD no more than 15 years ago.
<i>Funding amount</i>	150,000 CHF	400,000 CHF
<i>Funding period</i>	3 years	3 years
<i>Number of fellowships per year</i>	7–11	2–3
<i>Funds may be used to cover own salary</i>	Yes, up to 50 %	Yes, up to 25 %
<i>Overhead / indirect costs</i>	Up to 10 % of total amount	Up to 10 % of total amount

Fellows are selected on the basis of their research accomplishments, creativity, and potential to become leaders in the scientific community through their contributions to the field of child and youth development. International relevance of the fellow's planned work, the alignment of planned projects with the goals of the Jacobs Foundation, and the willingness to identify with our aims and to engage actively with us will also be selection criteria.

2016–2018 JACOBS FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOWS

The first cohort of fellows, selected by the Foundation's Board of Trustees in November 2015, will be the initial members of a growing unique interdisciplinary network of scholars working on child and youth development:

Advanced Research Fellows 2016–2018

<i>Silvia A. Bunge</i>	University of California at Berkeley, USA
<i>Candice L. Odgers</i>	Duke University, USA
<i>Gillian R. Hayes</i>	University of California, Irvine, USA

Early Career Research Fellows 2016–2018

<i>Katie A. McLaughlin</i>	University of Washington, USA
<i>Daniel W. Belsky</i>	Duke University, USA
<i>Simone Kühn</i>	University Clinic Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany
<i>Nikolaus Steinbeis</i>	Leiden University, The Netherlands
<i>Liliana Angelica Ponguta</i>	Yale University, USA
<i>Laura Di Giunta</i>	Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
<i>Hanna Dumont</i>	Deutsches Institut für Internationale Pädagogische Forschung, Germany
<i>Amy Ogan</i>	Carnegie Mellon University, USA
<i>Kaja K. Jasinska</i>	Yale University, USA

HOW TO APPLY

The following two documents must be submitted online in one PDF document until 15 April 2016 for an eligible candidate to be considered for a Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship:

- *The candidate's curriculum vitae including a list of the candidate's scientific publications;*
- *A two-page statement by the candidate describing his or her significant scientific work and immediate research plans, and how these relate to the mission of the Jacobs Foundation.*

A confidential recommendation letter from a department head or other senior researcher supporting the candidate and describing his or her qualifications, initiative, and research, should be sent directly to fellowship@jacobsfoundation.org.

After review of preliminary applications, a selected number of candidates will be asked to submit a detailed full application by 15 July 2016. Candidates will be interviewed via Skype in September 2016, and selected candidates will be notified in November 2016.

Please submit your application using the online application form on www.jacobsfoundation.org/research-fellowships. Incomplete applications and applications not submitted via the online application form will not be considered.

ABOUT THE JACOBS FOUNDATION

The Jacobs Foundation is one of the world's leading charitable foundations dedicated to improving the living conditions of children and youth. The Foundation was established in 1989 by Klaus J. Jacobs and his family in an effort to benefit future generations by providing young people with better opportunities for development, so that they can become productive and socially responsible members of society. As a research informed organization, we base funding decisions on solid evidence and enable systemic change through comprehensive approaches.

In the years 2016–2020 the Jacobs Foundation will focus on three thematic priorities:

- Within our thematic priority **Science of Learning**, we explore the frontiers of individualized learning and intervention. We do this by generating research insights and innovation related to the biological, technological, psychological, and pedagogical dimensions of learning. We are interested in research on the biological bases of skill acquisition and development of children and youth and their consequences for learning environments and institutions. We want to understand how new technology can optimize learning — whether it occurs in the informal setting of the playground, the more formal setting of a school, or in the family.
- Within our thematic priority **Early Education**, we help to formulate comprehensive early education policies in Switzerland and other European countries. We do this by developing systematic programs designed to promote equal opportunity at the school-entry level and emphasizing the societal returns of education.
- Within our thematic priority **Rural Livelihoods**, we work to improve the lives of the rural population of Côte D'Ivoire, both today and in the future. We do this by nurturing an ecosystem of private and public stakeholders dedicated to the common goal of enhancing educational quality.

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