Call for Applications

30 International Fellows in the College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research

The College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research (CIDER) is an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers in the field of education. The goals of CIDER are:

1. to promote interdisciplinary research in education,
2. to support public science,
3. to build an international cross-disciplinary research network in education,
4. to advance the academic careers of its fellows.

The college is part of the Leibniz Education Research Network (LERN) and started in 2013 with a first cohort of fellows. By December 2023, three cohorts will have completed the program successfully. Meanwhile, CIDER is well established in the field of educational research, and recognized for excellent interdisciplinary collaboration and successful promotion of scientific careers.

The college calls for applications for a fourth cohort of 30 excellent international junior scientists in educational science, psychology, economics, or sociology in their early post-doctoral stage. CIDER IV puts special emphasis on the transfer of scientific results into the public, by providing special workshops on public science, and promoting transfer activities of the fellows.

CIDER offers a wide range of activities, career support and funding opportunities to its fellows, including:

- Workshops on topics of educational research, with special focus on public science,
- The international CIDER-LERN Conference,
- Funding for interdisciplinary research collaborations on the main research areas of the college,
- Funding for transfer activities,
- CIDER Public Science Award for outstanding transfer activities,
- Networking opportunities with other fellows and experienced researchers in the field of educational research,
- Mentoring by senior fellows.

CIDER Cohort IV is scheduled from January 2024 to December 2026.

The following LERN Institutes are engaged in CIDER IV:

- DIPF | Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education (Coordination of CIDER and the LERN-Network) (Prof. Dr. Florian Schmiedek, Head of CIDER)
- BIB - Federal Institute for Population Research (Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spieß)
- DZHW – German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (Prof. Dr. Monika Jungbauer-Gans)
- HIB – Hector Research Institute of Education Sciences and Psychology (Prof. Dr. Ulrich Trautwein)
- ifo – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich (Prof. Dr. Ludger Wößmann)
- IPN – Leibniz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education (Prof. Dr. Olaf Köller)
- IQB – The Institute for Educational Quality Improvement (Prof. Dr. Petra Stanat)
- LIfBi – Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories (Prof. Dr. Cordula Artelt)
- WZB – Berlin Social Science Center (Prof. Dr. Heike Solga)
- ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research (Dr. Guido Neidhöfer)
The fellowship does not include employment at a LERN institute. Fellows are expected to participate in the above mentioned activities. The working language of the college is English. More detailed information about the college can be found on this website: https://www.leibniz-bildung.de/en/about-cider/

Required qualifications:

- Post-doctoral status (postdoctoral scholars no more than 12 months after receiving their 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,
- Special interest in transfer of scientific results into the public,
- Strong skills in quantitative methods of empirical social research,
- Strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration on quantitative-empirical research projects (within the college),
- Excellent written and spoken English.

Application documents:

- CV and publication list,
- Copies of credentials (transcripts),
- Letter of interest (in English) with reference to the college’s main research areas and the topic of public science,
- Two letters 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 (draft or completed).

Candidates with disabilities will be given preference if equally qualified.

Candidates are kindly requested to submit their application documents electronically to:

The CIDER Coordination Team
DIPF | Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education
Prof. Dr. Florian Schmiedek

Email: cider-coordination@dipf.de

Application documents have to be in English (letters of references may also be in German) and submitted no later than Sep 30th, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact the CIDER Coordination team (cider-coordination@dipf.de).