

Application Guidelines for the

Robert Bosch Junior Professorship Research into the Sustainable Use of Renewable Natural Resources

Selection process

The application may be initiated by both partners, e.g. the candidate and a potential host institution. However, the application may only be submitted by the candidate.

The selection process will be a **two-step procedure**. Based on the initial applications, the selection committee will shortlist up to 10 candidates who will be invited to participate in the second round.

First Round

Deadline for application is **June 1st, 2008**. Please submit the following documents:

1. covering letter explaining your motivation and stating your relevant qualifications,
2. detailed and up-to-date CV reflecting your research and teaching experience,
3. complete list of publications (Please differentiate between original publications in reviewed journals, articles in books and abstracts. Indicate impact factors where possible.) and copies of relevant certificates obtained,
4. brief abstract (max. 15 lines) and outline (max. 6 pages) of your research plans for five years,
5. a document reflecting the present state of your discussion with a possible host institution in Germany, preferably a letter of reference from the host institution.

If you get selected for the second round, the Foundation is willing to support your negotiations with your potential host institution. If you wish to attain a tenure track position, the Foundation will also assist in the negotiations. **There are no application forms, but please use the cover sheet below.**

The Foundation will inform all candidates of the results of this selection round by **July 15th, 2008**.

Second Round

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Shortlisted applicants will be required to submit the following additional documents by **October 1st, 2008**:

1. a detailed research plan for the following five years (max. 20 pages) with
 - a brief abstract (max. 15 lines) and keywords on sector and objectives of your research and scientific discipline,
 - introduction to your research area with reference to the latest international results in this area,
 - aims and objectives of the proposed research, including cross-references to the aims of the Junior Professorship program and the research in your host institution, such as possible synergies,
 - detailed research plans, including the dates of when the research should start and end, experimental approaches, methods/techniques, geographic research area(s), milestones,
 - scientific collaborations. Please list names and affiliations of each major co-investigator and indicate their roles in the respective joint projects.
 - outlook on the expected results.

2. a budget plan for five years. A maximum grant of 1.000.000 € may be requested for a period of five years, and may cover up to 90% of all costs. A minimum of 10% of all costs must be covered by the host institution. Your budget plan should contain information on:
 - the estimated amount of total costs of your planned research (including funds from third parties),
 - the amount of your annual gross income as well as the employer's contribution to social security for five years, if it is to be paid by the Robert Bosch Stiftung. If this is not the case, please indicate the source of your income and provide a confirmation of this source (e.g. the host institution or other grant making agencies).
 - an estimated budget of the research items you plan to cover with the funds by the Robert Bosch Foundation, such as annual income of all proposed co-workers, e.g. Ph.D. candidates, technicians etc., research and travel expenditure. Please list consumables and similar items as flat sums.
 - existing grants from other agencies: subject, amount and funding period.
 - planned or submitted additional grant applications to relevant funding agencies: subject, amount of funding and period applied for.

3. a letter from the host institution confirming
 - willingness to host you and provide adequate resources (room, laboratory space, access to research infrastructures and libraries) including an estimate of the monetary value,
 - contributions to your salary and your co-workers, including an estimate of the monetary value,

- that you will have the same rights and duties as a normal junior professor in the faculty with a confirmation of maximum administrative and teaching duties,
- (if applicable) confirmation of a tenured position for you after expiry of the grant and successful evaluation by the host institution.

The letters of the host institution must be signed by the Head of Department and the host institution's Head (e.g. President of the university, Director of the research institution). All applications must contain the following statement, signed and dated: „I hereby confirm that all statements I have made in my application above are complete and correct.“

All shortlisted applicants submitting these documents will be invited to present their plans in front of the selection committee in Stuttgart, Germany, in **November 2008**. The Foundation will cover travel expenses.

Based on the recommendations of the selection committee, the Foundation's Board of Trustees will make a final decision as to who will receive the grant. The earliest possible date for a successful applicant to take up the position is **January 1st, 2009**.

Preliminary time schedule

March 2008	Program announcement
June 1st, 2008	Deadline for first round applications
until July 15th, 2008	Shortlisting of applicants
October 1st, 2008	Deadline for second round applications
November 2008	Selection seminar
November 2008	Final decision and awarding of the grant
January 1st, 2009	Earliest possible date for position to be taken up
February 2009	Public grant ceremony

Submission of applications

Applications must be submitted in English in hard copy (not via E-Mail or other electronic forms). Please submit your application to the following address:

Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH
Rainer Hoell
Postfach 10 06 28
D-70005 Stuttgart, Germany

For further information please contact Rainer Hoell (Telephone +49 (0) 711 46084-81 or rainer.hoell@bosch-stiftung.de)

Cover Sheet

**Application for the Robert Bosch Junior Professorship
Research into the Sustainable Use of Renewable Natural Resources**

Personal Details

_____	_____
Last Name	First and Middle Name
_____	_____
Nationality	Year of PhD

Current Home Institution

Name of Institution, Department

Business Address

Street, City, State and County, Zip/Postal Code

Phone, Fax, Email

Home Address

Street, City, State and County, Zip/Postal Code

Phone, Fax, Email

Prospective Home Institution in Germany

Name, City

Phone, Fax, Email of Contact Person

Research Project

Title

_____	_____
Topics	Methods
_____	_____
Academic Disciplines	Countries

Keywords

How did you learn about the Junior Professorship?
