

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Kohli Fellowship WZB 2027

The **Kohli Fellowship for Sociology** promotes researchers who have finished their dissertation with excellent success. It offers a research stay at a prestigious research institution to engage in a new research project, to advance publications, and to develop research collaborations. The Kohli Fellowships are funded by the Kohli Foundation for Sociology.

In 2027, the Kohli Fellow is invited to conduct their research at the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB). The WZB is a publicly funded institution for problem-oriented basic social science research, member of the Leibniz Association and one of the leading institutions for social science research in Europe. It offers a vibrant academic environment and excellent research conditions, with around 200 researchers, mainly from sociology, political science, economics, and law.

The research stay starts on October 1, 2027, attendance in Berlin is required. The current monthly stipend is €2,700 (subject to revision) and is awarded for 24 months.

Applications are accepted by outstanding researchers who have completed their dissertation in sociology no more than five years ago. The Kohli Fellow is selected by a committee composed of members from the Kohli Foundation for Sociology and the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB).

The application should include the following documents:

- A letter of motivation
- A Curriculum Vitae, including the names of two referees
- A research proposal for the project to be undertaken during the time of the fellowship (max. 3000 words)
- Graduation certificates
- An application form (through our website), including a brief statement of the preferred research unit for hosting the research stay at the WZB.¹

The deadline for applications is September 20, 2026. Interested candidates can submit their application in a single PDF document through our online portal:

<https://kohlifoundation.eu/programs-growth/>

¹ The following research units are **NOT** able to host a Fellow: Varieties of reproduction regimes, Global Governance, Global Sociology and Transformations of Democracy.