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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Herzog Ernst and Hiob Ludolf Fellowships at the Gotha Research Campus of the University of Erfurt, Gotha, Germany

The University of Erfurt is once again advertising Herzog Ernst and Hiob Ludolf research grants for the Gotha collections in 2027, primarily in the Gotha Research Library and the associated historic collection of the Justus Perthes Gotha Publishing House. During their stay on site, the fellows will be affiliated to the academic institutions of the University of Erfurt in Gotha.

The focus of the programme is on:

- The ducal court in Gotha as an example for European court culture
- History of science and cultures of knowledge as global history, history of transfer, and entangled history, 16th to 20th century
- History of European literature, particularly 16th to early 19th century
- History of publishing and book trade
- Early Modern and 19th-century study of Classical religions, history of Protestantism, and Islam
- Philosophy and history of the German and European Enlightenment, heterodoxy, dissidence, and subversion
- History of the humanities, e.g. numismatics, oriental studies, philology
- History of natural science, e.g. alchemy, astronomy, and botany
- The history of spatially oriented disciplines, 16th to 20th century, e.g. ethnology, geology, geography, and statistics
- History of cartography and colonial history, cartography and politics
- History of ego-documents in a global context
- History of objects and the historical study of material culture
- Collection and museum studies

Herzog Ernst Fellowships for PhD students (€ 1,500 per month) and **Herzog Ernst Fellowships for postdocs** (€ 2,000 per month) will be awarded for periods of up to six months. In the case of visiting scholars with children, we offer a family allowance of € 100 per month.

Senior scholars are invited to apply for a **Hiob Ludolf Fellowship** (up to € 1,500 per month, for up to two months to help cover travel and boarding expenses).

Earliest starting date for a fellowship: 1 February 2027

Closing date for applications: 30 September 2026

Further Information:

<https://www.uni-erfurt.de/forschungszentrum-gotha/stipendien>

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