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Call for Application Leonhard-Euler-Program 2026-2027

The Leonhard-Euler-Program of the German Academic Exchange Service with funds of the German Foreign Office goes into its next round in 2026-2027. For this purpose, the Europa-Institut of Saarland University wants to apply for several scholarships so that we can **award a 1-month scholarship**.

The Leonhard-Euler-Program promotes the implementation of joint binational research projects to contribute to the retention of young university teachers (e.g. during the doctoral phase) at their respective home universities. The supervision of young researchers from Eastern and Southeastern Europe as well as countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia is carried out jointly by foreign and German university teachers, taking advantage of existing good professional relations in one (or more neighboring) discipline(s) between the German university and the foreign university.

We plan to apply to this project. For this we must already have identified the possible scholarship holders.

At the heart of the Leonhard-Euler-Program is an one-month research stay to the Europa-Institut in conjunction with an on-site scholarship support ("Sur-Place"). In addition to the qualification of young scientists, this program is intended to increasingly promote young scientists for cooperation between different chairs of the participating universities. Furthermore, the program is intended to help counteract the "brain drain" of qualified young scientists.

The program starts in September 2025 and ends in August 2026. The Europa-Institut offers one-month research stays, including sur-place support, plus the mobility lump sums for each country:

Local scholarship	1.300 Euro
Sur-Place scholarship per month (up to 8 months)	150 Euro
Albania	525 Euro
Bosnia and Herzegovina	525 Euro
Montenegro	525 Euro
North Macedonia	425 Euro
Serbia	400 Euro

Please note the following restrictions:

- **The scholarships within this program can be only granted when we receive funding by the DAAD which depends on a positive proposal evaluation.**
- PhD candidates have to be in the last stage of their PhD project (last year of writing a PhD thesis).
- Applicants who have already received funding are excluded from further applications.
- Research projects should deal with European or International Law.

In order for PhD students to apply they would need to submit the following documents to projects@europainstitut.de:

1. Signed confirmation with the preferred month of the Research Stay at the Europa-Institut marked with a cross (page 3)
2. CV (please use the attached DAAD template)
3. Transcript of records
4. Recent certificates
5. Letter of recommendation by the supervising professor
6. Proof of enrolment in PhD studies
7. Research abstract (max. 5 pages) with the name of the supervising professor
8. List of publications

In case the official documents cannot be provided in English, please send also a translation. No official attestation is needed.

The deadline for sending the documents is latest the **7th of December 2025 at 23:59 CET** since we need to prepare the proposal to the DAAD. The application should be sent to projects@europainstitut.de with subject: Leonhard-Euler-Program 2026-2027 Application-Last Name, First Name.

Please share this info with interested excellent PhD candidates or other PhD supervisors. We kindly ask you to suggest this call only to extraordinary candidates.

Contact:

If you require further assistance or information, please contact:

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Confirmation

I, _____ (*first name and last name of the applicant*) hereby confirm that all the information provided in the Application Form and annexes is correct. I also confirm that I have read and understood the conditions of the Call for Application and the Application Form, and I shall adhere to them.

Please mark with a cross in the table below, in which month of the one-year-program you would like to conduct your research stay.

I would like to conduct my **1-month research stay** in the following month (please mark with a cross):

September 2026	October 2026	November 2026	December 2026	January 2027	February 2027

March 2027	April 2027	May 2027	June 2027	July 2027	August 2027

Place and Date

Signature

Declaration of consent for data protection

- ☐ I agree that the personal data stated in my application may be stored and transmitted to the DAAD for the purpose of verification and further processing for my application within the Leonhard-Euler-Program and for statistical evaluation within the framework of the applicable data protection regulations.
- ☐ I agree that the Europa-Institut may use my data to contact me about further projects and offers.

Place and Date

Signature
