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Dear Colleagues

Herewith information on the **Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship Programme** for early and mid-career researchers whose work is dedicated to improving the learning and development of children and youth worldwide.

Disciplines: education sciences, psychology, economics, sociology, behavioural science, computer science, pedagogy, linguistics, neurosciences, and science of learning; multi- and inter-disciplinary work is encouraged.

Funding: CHF 150 000/ZAR 2,5 mil; 50% of the grant amount to cover salary

Period: 3 years

Eligibility: early and mid-career researchers who have received their PhD within the past 10 years

More information and online application: [Call for Applications 2022](#)

Note:

- No budget required
- 1-page recommendation letter required to be sent directly to the Jacobs Foundation
- [Application Tips \(spigit.com\)](#) and attached summary of the guidelines

Deadline: 16 January 2022, 23:59 CET.

You are welcome to contact me or Therina Theron (ttheron@sun.ac.za) for more support.

Kind regards

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2022 Call for Applications: Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship Program

Deadline for submission: January 16, 2022.

The Jacobs Foundation is pleased to announce the 2022 call for applications for its Research Fellowship Program.

The Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship Program is a globally competitive fellowship program for early and mid-career researchers whose work is dedicated to improving the **learning and development of children and youth worldwide**. The relevant disciplines include, but are not limited to, education sciences, psychology, economics, sociology, behavioral science, computer science, pedagogy, linguistics, neurosciences, and science of learning.

Particularly encouraged to apply are scholars who seek to combine **multiple levels of analysis** and engage in **interdisciplinary work**. A special focus lies on work to **understand and embrace variability in learning; promote the generation, transfer, and practical application of evidence on human learning and development** or increase the capacity to **scale up effective education policies and practices**.

The Jacobs Foundation is **especially interested in the following questions:**

- How do variations in individuals and contextual factors influence learning and development and learning outcomes?
- How can we design for learner variability at scale to enable all children to reach their potential as learners and in life?
- How can we produce interventions that reduce growing inequalities in children's learning and overcome disparities in the impacts of digital technologies?
- How can we address the role of data to help learners and teachers make informed decisions about their learning and teaching?
- What school-level learning approaches, environments, and experiences are effective in improving learning outcomes in heterogeneous student groups?

Fellowships are awarded to highly talented and innovative early and mid-career researchers who have received their **PhD within the past 10 years**. Funding from Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowships is awarded directly to the fellow's institution and may be used by the fellow over a three-year period to cover a portion of the fellow's salary and for any purpose in support of the fellow's research, such as assistants' salaries, equipment, technical assistance, professional travel, or trainee support.

In addition to providing fellows with **independent and competitive funding**, the program offers a wide range of **non-financial benefits**.

For further information and to submit an online application, please visit: [Call for Applications 2022](#)

To find out more about the Jacobs Foundation Strategy 2030 please visit [Jacobs Foundation](#).

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JACOBS FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility:

innovative early and mid-career researchers; PhD received within the past 10 years.

2. Funding:

- awarded directly to the fellow's institution over a three-year period
- may cover a portion of the fellow's salary
- may cover assistants' salaries, equipment, technical assistance, professional travel, or trainee support.

3. General application tips

- Answer all questions posed in the online application form.
- Applications should be in English.
- Be as concise but also as informative and illustrative as you can within the word limit.
- **References are within the word limit.**
- Budgets, photographs, or charts are not required.
- Do not focus on a single project only. The Foundation wants to know more about your research plans and ideas for the next 3-5 years.

4. Alignment

- Make your application for the Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship.
- Explain your motivation for the application and for collaboration if awarded with a Fellowship.
- The Jacobs Foundation is looking for highly talented, creative, innovative, and committed applicants with a high interest in engaging with the Jacobs Foundation, and other Fellows as well as the broader network. Your application should demonstrate your ability and willingness to be an active member of a distinguished network.
- Be aware of the selection criteria. Only candidates who score high on all criteria can be considered for a fellowship

5. Application steps

- *Initial application*: The first round of application focuses strongly on the alignment of your research plans with the Jacobs Foundation's goals. In addition, we want to know if you personally would be a strong member of the network.
- *Extended proposal*: The second round focuses more strongly on details of your planned research for the fellowship period. We want to know more about your ideas for your work as well as how you would engage with the Foundation and the network.
- *Interview*: During the interview, we want to find out if there is a mutual fit between you and the Foundation and clarify open questions that we have based on your written application. It is more a conversation than a scientific interview.
- *Review*: All three steps are conducted by a team consisting of internal (Jacobs Foundation) and external reviewers (see [selection process](#)) in a multiplicity of disciplines. Applicants who make it to the second or third step will be given a feedback on their application.

6. Selection criteria

The following selection criteria are weighted equally:

- Past research accomplishments and publication record
- Creativity and potential for serving as a leader in the scientific community
- Scientific quality of methods and data
- International relevance of the fellow's planned work
- Potential for promoting human development and learning
- Alignment of planned projects with the goals of the Jacobs Foundation
- Willingness to support the Foundation's aims and to engage with us

7. Documents that need to be submitted:

- Application form (online)
- **Curriculum vitae**, including a list of the candidate's scientific publications
- A **published scientific paper** by the candidate

8. Document to be sent separately to the Jacobs Foundation:

A 1-page recommendation letter from a senior researcher, within or outside of the candidate's department, supporting the candidate and describing his/her

qualifications, initiative, and research. This letter should be sent directly to fellowship@jacobsfoundation.org.

9. KEEP THE FOUNDATION'S PRIORITIES IN MIND AT ALL TIMES

- Globally competitive
- For early and mid-career researchers
- Focus: improving the *learning and development of children and youth worldwide*.
- Disciplines include, but are not limited to :
 - education sciences
 - psychology
 - economics
 - sociology
 - behavioral science
 - computer science
 - pedagogy
 - linguistics
 - neurosciences
 - science of learning.
- Particularly encouraged :
 - to combine *multiple levels of analysis* and engage in *interdisciplinary work*.
 - to *understand and embrace variability in learning; promote the generation, transfer, and practical application of evidence on human learning and development* or increase the capacity to *scale up effective education policies and practices*.
- The Jacobs Foundation is especially interested in the following questions:
 - How do variations in individuals and contextual factors influence learning and development and learning outcomes?
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10. Application and review timeline

Action	Dates	Who
Application Phase	November 23, 2021 - January 16, 2022 (23.59 CET)	Open to researchers around the world
Review of initial application	January 17 - April 6	Jacobs Foundation staff in close collaboration with external reviewers from College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research (CIDER), The Life Course: Evolutionary and Ontogenetic Dynamics (LIFE), and the Swiss Graduate School for Cognition, Learning and Memory (CCLM).
Invitation to submit an extended proposal	April 7 - May 16 (23.59 CET)	Up to 60 applicants will be invited to submit an extended proposal. The relevant information will be posted on this page in a timely manner.
Review of extended proposal	May 25 - July 10	Jacobs Foundation staff in close collaboration with external experts: tbd
Interview with the foundation	August 22-26	Up to 25 applicants will be invited to participate in a 20-minute interview with the Foundation. Invitations will be extended at least 5 days prior to the proposed interview date.