



Bridge Fellowship @ UNITBV

Transilvania University of Braşov annually offers residential Bridge Fellowships to the university's international doctoral students, supporting the transition from doctoral student status to that of applicant for the Transilvania Fellowship for Young Researchers/Postdoctoral Research programme.

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Applications should be submitted by e-mail to: fellowships@unitbv.ro and will be evaluated on a rolling basis.

Objective: supporting high-performing doctoral students in the transition from doctoral studies to postdoctoral research

Expected outcomes: increasing the quality and number of internationally visible publications and increasing the number of competitive applications submitted to the Transilvania Fellowship for Young Researchers/Postdoctoral Research programme.

Duration of the fellowship: maximum 12 months; the Bridge Fellowship @ UNITBV automatically terminates on the date the beneficiary is awarded a Transilvania Fellowship for Young Researchers/Postdoctoral Research.

Number of fellowships awarded: maximum 15 fellowships per academic year.

Fellowship value: RON 4,000 per month.

- accommodation on campus under conditions similar to those available to doctoral students;
- workspace within the university's Research and Development Institute and access to the institute's research infrastructure.

Eligibility criteria

1. Submission to the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School of the request to initiate the public defence procedure for the doctoral thesis;
2. Fulfilment of the eligibility requirements of the Transilvania Fellowship for Young Researchers/Postdoctoral Research programme (both published papers and papers accepted for publication are taken into consideration), together with a declaration of

intent to apply for the Transilvania Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research/Young Researchers programme;

3. Approval from the doctoral supervisor and from the head of the department in which the candidate will carry out their activity;
4. The candidate must not benefit from any other funding awarded for the same period and for the same purpose.

Obligations of the fellows

- participation in the activities and events of the university's scientific community;
- submission of an application to the **Transilvania Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research/Young Researchers** programme immediately after obtaining the document certifying the award of the doctoral degree (the IOSUD-UNITBV decision granting the doctoral title);
- for fellowships with a duration of less than 6 months: at least one manuscript submitted for publication, as main author ("article" or "review"), in a Q1 journal indexed in the ISI Web of Science JCR/Clarivate Analytics database (first quartile, ranked by JIF); alternatively, in the fields of humanities and arts, one chapter/study in a volume published by an internationally prestigious publisher (A1 list provided by CNATDCU) or at least one manuscript submitted for publication in a journal indexed in the ISI Web of Science Arts & Humanities database; the manuscript must result from collaboration with at least one UNITBV academic staff member who will be included among the authors;
- for fellowships with a duration exceeding 6 months: at least two manuscripts submitted for publication, as main author ("article" or "review"), in Q1 journals indexed in the ISI Web of Science JCR/Clarivate Analytics database (first quartile, ranked by JIF); alternatively, in the fields of humanities and arts, one chapter/study in a volume published by an internationally prestigious publisher (A1 list provided by CNATDCU) or at least two manuscripts submitted for publication in journals indexed in the ISI Web of Science Arts & Humanities database; the manuscripts must result from collaboration with at least one UNITBV academic staff member who will be included among the authors;
- the articles developed during the Bridge Fellowship @ UNITBV funding period must be different from those developed within the Transilvania Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research/Young Researchers programme, should the fellow subsequently be accepted into the latter;



- inclusion of the affiliation Transilvania University of Braşov in all scientific publications, documents, and patents resulting from activities carried out during the fellowship period;
- submission of an activity report at the end of the fellowship period.

The application must be prepared in English and shall include:

- application form (available on the university website);
- approval from the doctoral supervisor and the head of the department in which the candidate will carry out their activity (no template is provided).

Evaluation and selection

1. Verification of eligibility criteria will be completed within three weeks from receipt of the application. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
2. Applications meeting the eligibility criteria will be evaluated by an internal committee, with the outcome Accepted/Rejected. Applications assessed as *Accepted* will be funded subject to the favorable approval of the Rector.

Note: all visa-related expenses shall be fully borne by the candidates.