

Call for Application

HM Fellowship Programme 2027/2028

Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences (HM) is one of the largest universities of its kind in Germany, with currently around 19,000 students across 16 academic departments. A broad range of study programmes, close collaboration with industry partners, and a strong international profile make HM a highly renowned university in Germany and across Europe.

Established in 2007, the HM Fellowship Programme aims to strengthen the international dimension of teaching and to foster collaboration with partner institutions worldwide. The programme supports visiting scholars from abroad to spend a semester in Munich, contributing to teaching and the development of innovative international learning formats. To this day, more than 65 fellows have participated in this exchange programme.

With this call, HM invites applications **for the Summer Semester 2027** (15 March – end of July 2027) **or the Winter Semester 2027/2028** (1 October 2027 – mid-February 2028). Up to three fellowships will be awarded to outstanding candidates from different disciplines, ideally with experience and special expertise in international teaching (e.g. innovative concepts, methods, formats, or practical experience in international classrooms).

Programme Objectives

The fellowship aims to support the development and enhancement of international teaching and learning at HM, in line with the university's strategic goal of strengthening "internationalisation at home". Fellows are expected to:

- offer **at least 6 teaching units per week** (45 minutes each; e.g. lectures, seminars, lab sessions) in English
- hold and assess examinations for their courses at the end of the semester
- spend a **continuous on-site period typically 8-12 weeks** at HM during the lecture period
- contribute to a joint international teaching project (**2 teaching units per week**) in collaboration with an HM department and staff

Where required, preparatory or follow-up activities of up to four weeks may be conducted virtually to accommodate differing academic calendars.

The joint teaching project should ideally contribute to the long-term internationalisation of teaching at HM with the development of new international teaching formats, methods or learning resources. Examples include:

- development of international modules, study programmes or certificates
- implementation of joint online or blended learning formats
- preparation of double or joint degree programmes
- field testing of cross-cultural teaching methods

Individual project proposals by applicants and departments are highly encouraged.

Benefits and conditions

Each fellowship provides financial support for the implementation of the fellow's teaching and academic programme, as well as for travel and accommodation costs:

- **Teaching allowance:** a weekly allowance of **€600** for delivering teaching equivalent to **6 teaching units** per week. The maximum amount available is **€9,000**.
- **Academic project grant:** a lump-sum grant of **€3,000** for the academic project, corresponding to an engagement equivalent to **2 teaching units** per week.
- **travel and accommodation support:** reimbursement of eligible expenses up to **€6,000**. This includes a travel allowance for **one round trip**, based on established international benchmarks, as well as a **monthly allowance of up to €1,000** for proven **rental expenses** (Please note that costs for accompanying family members cannot be covered).

In addition:

- Project partners can apply for additional funding (e.g. for teaching materials, student assistants, workshops or field trips)
- Fellows receive comprehensive organisational support from the HM International Office, including assistance with visa application and accommodation search

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on the candidate's academic and teaching qualifications, the quality and relevance of the proposed teaching, the innovation and feasibility of the joint teaching project, its contribution to the internationalisation goals of HM and the host department, as well as the candidate's integration into academic and departmental activities at HM.

Final selection is made by an independent committee chaired by the Vice-President for Teaching.

Application Requirements and Deadlines

Applicants should hold a doctoral degree/PhD and have a proven track-record in their

academic field as well as substantial experience in international teaching. Preference will be given to candidates from HM partner institutions. Applicants from other institutions may be also considered where there is strong potential for future collaboration. Former HM Fellows may reapply for the programme but will be given lower priority compared to new candidates of equal qualification.

To apply for the fellowship applicants are required to submit the following documents (preferably in PDF format):

- **application form** (see attachment)
- **curriculum vitae** including list of publications and detailed description of international teaching experience
- **letter of motivation** outlining interest in the programme and the planned collaboration with HM
- short **proposals** for at least two courses (or an overview of previous teaching experience)
- **joint project proposal** in cooperation with an HM department or department member

Application documents must be submitted to HM no later than **23 October 2026**, either via the HM academic contact or project partner, or directly to the International Office at staff-mobility-io@hm.edu. Applicants are strongly advised to coordinate with their HM academic contact or project partner well in advance to ensure a timely and complete submission.

The outcome of the selection process will be announced in early December 2026.

Contact

For further information about the HM Fellowship Programme and the application process, please contact the Staff Mobility Team of the International Office at staff-mobility-io@hm.edu.