



## Call for Applications

### **Lisbeth and Erich Böckler Scholarship**

The Böckler-Mare-Balticum Foundation awards the Lisbeth and Erich Böckler Scholarship annually. The name honors the founders, architect Dr. Erich Böckler and his wife Lisbeth, who established a foundation in 1977 to promote research in the field of artistic culture in the Baltic Sea region, particularly in the Baltic countries. The scholarship is intended for doctoral candidates and postdocs (early-career researchers) specializing in art history or a related field. A master's degree is required for application. In addition to deepening existing language skills or acquiring basic language proficiency (Options 1 and 2), the scholarship supports independent research and professional development, as well as international academic exchange and networking.

The fellowship typically lasts for three months. A shorter stay of two months or an extension of one month (Option 3 only) is possible under certain conditions and by prior arrangement.

**Option 1:** Aimed at **doctoral students and postdocs from the Baltic states**. The fellowship is designed to help participants deepen their existing knowledge of the German language and further their academic qualifications, and it involves a stay in Germany.

#### **What we expect:**

- A stay at a location of your choice in Germany (there is also the option of free accommodation in the foundation's guest flat in Bad Homburg);
- Basic knowledge of the German language;
- Participation in an intensive language course (minimum 4 weeks), preferably at the Goethe-Institute;
- Research in the field of art and cultural history, particularly on topics related to the Baltic states and/or countries bordering the Baltic Sea;
- Academic exchange with other scholars, research institutions, and museums;
- Visits to institutions relevant to one's own research;
- Presentation of the results, preferably at a research institute;
- Final report.

**Option 2:** Aimed at **doctoral students and postdocs outside the Baltic states**. The fellowship is intended to support the acquisition of a Baltic language as well as further academic development and is linked to a research stay in Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania.

#### **What we expect:**

- A stay at a location of your choice in one of the three Baltic states;
- Participation in an intensive language course in a Baltic language;
- Research in the field of art and cultural history, particularly on topics related to the Baltic States and/or countries bordering the Baltic Sea;
- Academic exchange with other scholars, research institutions, and museums;
- Visits to institutions relevant to one's own research;
- Presentation of results, preferably at a research institute;
- Final report.



**Option 3:** This option is intended for **doctoral candidates or postdocs from the Baltic states and is primarily designed to support the completion of a degree or research project.** The fellowship includes a research stay in Germany. To this end, travel expenses and visits to libraries, research institutes, and other relevant institutions are covered to a limited extent.

**What we expect:**

- Residence in Germany;
- Sufficient knowledge of the German language, with proof of language proficiency (e.g., Goethe-Zertifikat B2);
- Research in the field of art and cultural history, particularly on topics related to the Baltic states and/or countries bordering the Baltic Sea;
- Academic exchange with other researchers, research institutions, and museums;
- Visits to institutions relevant to one's own research;
- Presentation of results, preferably at a research institute;
- Final report.

**What we offer:**

**The scholarship amount is up to 8,500 euros.**

This amount consists of:

- A basic scholarship of 1,500 euros per month for a maximum of 3 months (Options 1 and 2) or for a maximum of 4 months (Option 3). Monthly payments begin upon the start of the scholarship.
- Options 1 + 2: Coverage of costs for a 4- to 8-week intensive language course following prior consultation with the foundation (for German, preferably at the Goethe-Institute).
- Travel budget of up to 1,500 euros (Options 1 + 2) or up to 2,500 euros (Option 3), which also includes travel to and from the home and destination locations. Expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of receipts.

Under certain conditions and upon prior agreement with the Foundation, a child allowance will be granted.

Travel and accommodation must be arranged independently.

**Please submit your application by August 01 via Email to the office of the Böckler-Mare-Balticum Foundation, Dr. Ulrike Nürnberger: [geschaeftsstelle@boeckler-mare-balticum-stiftung.de](mailto:geschaeftsstelle@boeckler-mare-balticum-stiftung.de)**

**Please submit the following documents with your application:**

- Cover letter specifying which of the above options you are applying for;
- Description of the project planned during the fellowship (max. 2 pages);
- A list of institutions and names of individuals in the fields of science or culture with whom you would like to engage during your stay, along with a brief statement explaining why contact with these individuals or institutions is important to you (1 page);
- A timeline and budget (max. 1 page);
- An abstract with a table of contents for the planned dissertation or research project;
- Curriculum vitae with a list of publications;
- Proof of foreign language proficiency;
- Letter of recommendation.

**Further information is available from the Foundation's office:**

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