



## **Special Call for Applications for People Affected by the Invasion of Ukraine**

The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS) is an international, inter-, and transdisciplinary research institute located in Potsdam, Germany, funded by the German Federal Government and the State of Brandenburg. The main purpose of the institute is to integrate different types of knowledge needed to support transformations towards sustainability. The institute conducts research across a range of topics, including air quality and climate change, energy transitions, governance for sustainable development and [more](#).

A key feature of the IASS is its [Fellow Programme](#): Each year, about 30 individuals from around the world participate in our Fellow Programme. During their stay, our fellows work with each other and our researchers, providing expertise, inspiration, and creative input. In return, the IASS offers fellows the opportunity to develop their ideas in an international community of eminent researchers, within the institute, and also in the wider Potsdam-Berlin area.

To support scientists and other experts in the field of sustainability who have been forced to flee following [the invasion of Ukraine](#), the IASS is issuing a special call for IASS Fellows. Scientists and practitioners keen to support our researchers in policy advice and consulting processes, the development of innovative approaches to sustainability, and/or the development and application of our transdisciplinary methodology are invited to respond to this special call. These fellowships are open to individuals at all career stages and from a wide range of sectors, including science, public administration, the private sector, civil society, media, and the arts.

These fellowships will initially be limited through to 31 December 2022. The financial compensation will be via a tax-free stipend. The actual amount will vary depending on the applicant's relevant work experience and will range from €1,650 to €4,400 per month. Limited financial support for travel expenses and the cost of moving to Potsdam will also be available.

Applications will be accepted from persons who were forced to leave their home country due to the invasion of Ukraine, whether they are directly affected by the war or at risk due to their criticism of the Russian government.

To apply, please submit the following documents:

- A letter detailing your reasons / motivation
- A current CV that outlines the key stages in your education and professional career. Please mention any possible references / referees
- An outline of the topics and activities you would pursue during your time as an IASS Fellow. This should not exceed 2-3 pages and can be further refined when you are accepted.

Applications must be submitted in English. Please send your application to [fellowship@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:fellowship@iass-potsdam.de) with the subject line "Special IASS Fellow" If you have any questions or if you would like to discuss whether your topic and work would fit into the research profile of the IASS beforehand, please feel free to contact us at: [fellowship@iass-potsdam.de](mailto:fellowship@iass-potsdam.de).

While the total number of Fellows that we can accept is limited, we will continue to accept applications as long as resources are available. Applications will be reviewed as soon as they are received. They will be assessed by two researchers at the IASS and their recommendation submitted to the IASS Board of Directors, which will make the final determination.