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Application to head a CAS Research Group

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A. Information

I. Goal of the funding

The establishment of the „CAS Research Groups“ at the Center for Advanced Studies is intended to strengthen the international networking of research projects at LMU Munich and increase their international visibility. Furthermore, external scholars are to be given the opportunity to apply for positions at CAS in order to cooperate with LMU professors.

As head of a CAS Research Group, outstanding professors from LMU will be released from teaching duties for one year in order to concentrate entirely on their research project during this period. At the same time, this model is intended to assist in establishing a framework for an intensive form of international cooperation. Cooperation with international fellows must therefore constitute a fundamental element of the successful implementation of the research project in question. The research topic of the CAS Research Group will be advertised internationally following the completion of the application process, and the successful LMU professor will then have the opportunity, in consultation with CAS, to put together the work group.

II. Extent of the funding

Heading a CAS Research Group includes the possibility to reduce teaching duties either partially or entirely for the applicant. The Center for Advanced Studies will also cover the cost of teaching hours lost for the participating international scholars. In addition, office space will be provided for the applicant as well as for the visiting fellows.

Since the inclusion of internationally renowned scholars and scientists is of central importance for the implementation of the research projects, the visits by participating visiting fellows should span a large portion of the time period allotted to the project. Funding for longer-term visits of fellows (a maximum of 18 fellow-months in total) is thus available.

Furthermore, material expenses of up to 25,000 Euro per CAS Research Group will be provided for the holding of workshops or conferences. Further possible uses for these funds include the employment of student assistants, or the subsidizing of costs for publications planned as part of the research project.

III. Application eligibility

All professors permanently employed at the LMU as well as tenure track professors are eligible to apply.



IV. Application deadline

Applications can be submitted to the Director of the Center for Advanced Studies no later than **31 March 2025**.

V. Selection process

The decision on the granting of up to two positions as head of a CAS Research Group will be made by the Board of the Center for Advanced Studies on the basis of external assessments.

VI. Selection criteria

- identifiable excellence which can be furthered by the grant
- originality and innovativeness of the research topic
- foreseeable impulses for internationalization
- feasibility of the research project

VII. Duration

The duration period of a CAS Research Group is two semesters, beginning on 1 October 2026 and ending on 30 September 2027.



B. Guidelines

I. General Information

The application to head a „CAS Research Group“ is to be submitted in electronic form (in a single PDF document) no later than 31 March 2025 to:

Prof. Dr. Christof Rapp
Center for Advanced Studies
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
80539 München
E-Mail: direktor@cas.lmu.de

The application must not exceed 20 pages in length. Please use the font „LMU CompatilFact“ (11pt) or alternatively „Arial“ (11pt) and a line spacing of 1.5.

Further information is available from the Center for Advanced Studies. If you intend to submit an application, we recommend making contact in advance with:

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II. Structure of the Application

1. Basic Details

1.1. <Name of the professor applying to head the CAS Research Group>

Work address:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Munich, Date

<Name and signature>

Professor

1.2. Curriculum vitae, including functions/responsibilities in cooperative research collectives; research prizes and further indications of specialist scholarly excellence of the applicant (maximum three pages)

1.3. Publication list (the 10 most important publications of the last five years)

1.4. Names of international guest scholars who could potentially be included in the project. The final makeup of the group can only be confirmed following a positive assessment and the international advertisement of the research topic.

2. **Summary/Abstract** (maximum half a page, German and English)

3. **Research Plan** (five to seven pages)

The description of the content of the research project to be realized should particularly outline the way in which it would benefit from cooperation with international colleagues. A description should also be provided as to how the guest scholars are to be integrated into the project, including the naming of potential candidates. Please outline in a general project plan which research goals are envisaged for each of the participants.

The duration of the research period for the applicant is two semesters; the visits of the participating fellows should last between one and twelve months. A total of 18 fellow-months is available.



4. Research Expenses

Please indicate the projected expenses for the holding of events (guest lectures, workshops, conferences) or the implementation of other plans. The maximum level of funding is 25,000 Euro. Please use the following table:

Amount	Planned time period	Purpose

5. Reduction of Teaching Duties

Please state the extent to which you would like your teaching duties reduced and the tasks for which replacement must be found. The reduction in teaching duties can be between 0 and 9 hours; partial reductions are possible.

The reduction of teaching duties will be granted by the President of the LMU based on the recommendation of the Center for Advanced Studies. In order to compensate for the loss of teaching hours, personnel costs for a full or partial replacement position (W3/W2) will be provided.