

## **Note on invitations, letters of recommendation, DAAD, AvH, VW etc.**

Dear students and colleagues,

the chair for African literatures and cultures at HU Berlin welcomes researchers with fresh ideas and a convincing project at any stage of their career. However, I do not supervise or host projects in history, linguistics, ethnology, or any other discipline outside my own fields of teaching and research which are literary and cultural studies with regards to Africa and its diasporas.

Invitation letters, recommendations and even more so evaluation reports cannot be done at short notice. Please consider that I am teaching, researching, administrating, travelling etc. and cannot postpone my other duties for short notice project evaluations and letters. The more prestigious the scholarship you want to apply for is, the more time will be needed to prepare a successful application together. Therefore, please do respect the following delays:

For any application at **Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung** and **Volkswagen Stiftung** on the postdoctoral and advanced level please contact me at last 6 months before the application deadline. The **DAAD** offers a number of scholarships with different degrees of accessibility. If you want to apply for a doctoral fellowship at my chair, you need to contact me 6 months ahead of the deadline. For short time fellowships on the MA, doctoral or postdoctoral level, please contact me at least 4 months ahead of the deadline. For alumni return fellowships 2 months ahead of the deadline will do.

Thank you very much for respecting these delays.

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