

Call for Applications

The Centre for Applied Turkey Studies' (CATS) Network Grants 2021

The Centre for Applied Turkey Studies (CATS) aims to strengthen cooperation between European and Turkish institutions working on Turkey's domestic politics and foreign policy and curates to this end the CATS Network.

For the year 2021, CATS announces the availability of project grants and fellowships on the following topics:

- **Turkey's future in NATO** – Possible research questions include:
 - What is the role of the Alliance for Turkey's foreign and security policy?
 - What makes NATO relevant for the Turkish Armed Forces?
 - How likely is it that Turkey and Russia will further intensify their cooperation in security and defense?
 - What is the role of the Alliance for Turkey in its conflicts with Western partners?
 - How to reconcile Turkey's dealing with NATO with the requirements of membership in the Alliance?

- **Turkey in the southern Mediterranean: geopolitics, ideology, and security** – Possible research questions include:
 - What are the potentials for cooperation in Turkey's relations with Israel and Egypt?
 - How do regional actors shape the geopolitics of the eastern Mediterranean? What are the dynamics of the conflicts between Turkey and the United Arab Emirates as well as Saudi Arabia?
 - What are the drivers of and limits to Turkey's outreach to African countries?
 - What could a possible European design of a Mediterranean Security Structure look like?

Projects should be based on the premise that Turkey is important for security and well-being of Europe, the Middle East, the Caucasus and North Africa. They should promote a common European response to this matter as well as foster transnational research and debate that reflects also on European policy towards Turkey.

CATS awards project grants to individual institutions of up to 40,000 Euros. Joint applications of two or more institutions are strongly encouraged, and in this case grants of up to 50,000 Euros per institution can be awarded. The total sum does not have to be distributed equally between the project partners. Grants may cover costs for personnel, honoraria, travel, events, and publications. Grants cannot cover costs for overheads, the procurement of goods or per diems (as part of travel expenses).

In total, 186.000 Euro will be available for the funding of new projects in 2021.

The funding period can start at 01 February 2021 at the earliest and ends at 31 December 2021 at the latest.

Applicant institutions may suggest candidates for CATS fellowships who will support the implementation of the project. Fellowships are granted to post-doctoral scholars and experienced researchers for a duration of 6-12 months. Unless the fellows are required to travel to complete their individual projects, they are encouraged to reside at CATS in Berlin or in SWP Brussels for the duration of their fellowship. If the current circumstances do not allow to travel, fellowships can be taken up remotely. Fellows will receive a monthly grant of € 2,800.00. Projects and fellows can be selected separately.

Applicant institutions have to be officially recognized as non-profit organisations/organisations that work for the public good and are expected to provide the necessary documents to prove that status in case of funding. The contractor has to be a legal person. SWP will act as the contract partner on behalf of CATS.

Beneficiaries have to adopt to the German regulations for the use of public funds. More information on the concrete regulations and their administrative implementation can be received from the CATS team.

Applications must be submitted in the form of a single PDF document and contain the following documents:

- A written proposal (max. 5 pages, 2 cm margin, 1.5 spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font), including expected results and public outreach
- A time table
- A list of persons involved, their responsibilities, and their CVs
- A draft budget
- CVs of candidates for CATS fellowships

Criteria for the selection of projects are: innovativeness of the project idea, quality of the application, expected output, added value for policy advice, profiles of people involved, and the feasibility of the project. Applications will be evaluated by the CATS team under the advice of experts from SWP and partner institutions that have not applied for funding themselves.

The deadline for application is 01 November 2020.
Please send your complete application to cats@swp-berlin.org.

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As part of the application process, we will store and process the data you send us. In [this privacy policy declaration here](#) we would like to inform you comprehensively about the collection, processing and use of your personal data. If you do not agree with the processing of your data by SWP, you can object at any time at bewerbungen@swp-berlin.org.

Please also note our data protection declarations for events and stored addresses at SWP at <https://www.swp-berlin.org/en/data-protection/>.