Further answers will be published as new questions arise:

1. **Does the project have to focus solely on building materials, or can it address social issues impacting urban planning and architecture?**

   The program aims to include a wide range of proposals for addressing the environmental crisis and its ethical and social implications, with a focus on fields related to spatial culture and building practice. Thus, the program emphasizes experimental architectural design, materials and construction, as well as quality and aesthetics. The projects will investigate circular building practices and systemic transformation through regional, bio-based and regenerative, reused and recycled material and related social, economic and legal issues.

2. **Must the proposed project be a real/tangible building project?**

   Yes, it should be a practice-based experiment. The aim is to produce a physical fragment on a manageable architectural scale that can serve as a prototype for research and testing and can contribute to the dissemination of the gained knowledge.

3. **How concrete does the research question need to be at the beginning of the project? Can it be specified during the Fellowship?**

   Yes, the research question can be specified and adjusted during the Fellowship. It's important to clarify why funding your initiative will make a relevant and urgent contribution to the future of building and to fostering the team’s practice and expertise.

4. **Can I apply with a site-specific project or site-specific research?**

   Yes, although it is crucial to emphasize how your project will contribute both to a specific cultural and geographic context and to broader systemic change and transition. You should demonstrate your expertise and clearly articulate how your project vitally contributes to a larger process.

5. **Does the project have to be located in Germany?**

   No, proposals and applicants from all parts of the world are welcome and requested.

6. **What machinery and tools are available to Fellows at the Bauhaus Earth LAB?**

   We offer a fully equipped wood workshop and experienced team, featuring tools such as table saws, chop saws, band saws, panel saws, planers and various hand tools. While we do not currently have digital tools such as 3D printers, laser cutters and CNC mills in-house, we can facilitate access to tools, machinery and laboratories upon request, in collaboration with other institutions.

7. **The information provided mentions that projects should be of a “manageable scale.” Can you clarify this and provide an example? Is there a maximum project size?**

   "Manageable scale" refers to projects that can feasibly be accomplished within the Fellowship timeframe (usually 6 to 8 months) and in line with the available facilities. Although there is no fixed project size, projects should be realistically completable within the duration of the Fellowship. This requires clear planning and the setting of achievable milestones. However, applicants can also propose parts of larger projects that extend beyond the Fellowship period, as long as the proposed component can be effectively executed and demonstrated within the assigned Fellowship timespan.

8. **Is there a maximum funding limit per application? Are applications with higher budgets less likely to succeed?**

   BE-FELLOW includes financial support covering a monthly stipend, expenses and production. Project-related expenses and production costs are covered up to a total of €30,000. While your budget can exceed this amount if needed, please specify whether you will be seeking more funding from us or whether you have other sources of funding. Please refer to the accompanying Open Call documents for more detail on eligible & ineligible costs.
How is the funding for projects calculated? Funding calculations are project specific. Payments will be distributed in phases and adjusted according to the Fellowship project.

Could you clarify what is meant by "personal allowance"? Is this a form of remuneration for time invested? The personal allowance or fee is an allowance that the Fellow receives monthly. Similar to a stipend, it covers project-related work and expenses incurred in the realization of the project.

Should the personal allowance in the budget be specified as net or gross? Personal allowances are determined by the BE-FELLOW Team together with the appointed Fellow. Funds are disbursed on a gross basis, but they may be categorized as a stipend depending on tax requirements.

Will fellows be employed or self-employed? The Fellowship Program is not a residency. Fellows are not employed by either Bauhaus Earth or Experimental Foundation.

Is full-time engagement required for the duration of the project? Is it possible to earn additional income alongside the Fellowship funding? Full-time engagement is not required. However, the Fellow should engage in transparent planning with the BE-FELLOW Team to ensure that their project progresses as planned and that the project goals are achieved in a timely manner and within the agreed budget. Thus, it is possible to earn additional income.

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