The Bauhaus Earth Fellowship Program (BE-FELLOW) is designed for practice-based experimental and research-oriented projects in sustainable architecture. The program promotes the expansion of existing knowledge and expertise with the aim of making a positive contribution to the *Bauwende*.

The Fellowship aims to foster emerging talents, testing new modes of practice, engagement and knowledge in relation to changing natural and disciplinary boundaries and across diverse geographies and contexts. The main purpose is to enable and provide critical support at key points in the development of a project or practice.

Please read the following Terms & Conditions and FAQ carefully before applying. For further questions, feel free to contact us at be-fellow@bauhauserde.org.
ELIGIBILITY

- BE-FELLOW is open to individuals and/or teams, studios and collectives of exceptionally talented, emerging international practitioners and creatives of the Bauwende, including architects, artists, designers, engineers, scientists and cross-disciplinary collaborations.
- Fluency in English is required, and preferably also in German
- An institutional affiliation is not required.
- Previous holders of a Bauhaus Earth Fellowship are ineligible
- Applicants are to notify the organizers of any parallel activities or similar programs in which they are involved.

CONDITIONS

- Proposed projects must bridge the gap between institutional research and building practice, contributing to the development of a high quality and aesthetics of sustainable architecture.
- The submitted project should span 6 to 8 months maximum and will be carried out between 1 November 2024 and 30 June 2025. While the exact starting date will be determined upon successful acceptance into the program, applicants must specify their preferred work schedule and approach in their application form.
- The projects are to be developed in active collaboration with the BE-FELLOW team, integrating further project-specific partners and experts.
- The BE-FELLOW Program is based in Berlin and is active both online and on-site. In addition to the ongoing dialogue and work, fellows are encouraged to spend most of the project’s duration on-site in Berlin.
- Fellows will have access to the Bauhaus Earth LAB and office spaces in Marienpark, Berlin, as well as to resources from the various Bauhaus Earth initiatives, Experimental and its extensive network of experts and partners.

GRANT TYPES

- Projects must have clearly defined objectives, budgets, and processes. The project frame is intended to be open-ended and collaborative.
- BE-FELLOW includes financial support covering a monthly stipend, expenses and production. Project-related expenses and production costs may total up to €30,000. While the budget can exceed this amount if needed, please specify whether you are seeking more funding from us or whether you have other sources of funding.
- A budget should be provided by each applicant covering eligible, essential production costs foreseen for the successful completion of the Fellowship project (e.g. materials, equipment, ext. commissions, travel).
- Ineligible Costs are not covered (non-project-related, general operating expenses and fixed or running costs; capital or commercial projects; scholarship aid or work in pursuit of an academic degree; debt or expenses incurred prior to the date of grant request).
CRITERIA

PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA

• Experience: provide opportunities to create, develop and communicate a practice-based experimental and research-oriented project to promote sustainable architecture and the environment; make a positive contribution to the Bauwende.

• Engagement: support efforts to participate in, develop and test new modes of practice and engagement.

• Dialogue: active collaboration with the BE-FELLOW team and the community of Fellows, network members and partners of Bauhaus Earth and Experimental; initiate and facilitate cross-disciplinary exchange.

• Communication: communicate and disseminate the work in the public sphere; share knowledge and expertise with a professional network and stakeholders; reach new and wider audiences.

• Enable: support upcoming voices and practices by giving priority to first-time applicants; contribute to creative and professional growth at crucial or potentially transformative stages of a practice.

EVALUATIVE CRITERIA

• Experiment: the project demonstrates an innovative and challenging idea and critical, independent thinking; involves advanced research and practice; takes a strong experimental approach.

• Potential for impact: the project makes a meaningful contribution to discourse and/or to the field; expands knowledge; is a catalyst for future inquiry; raises awareness of an understudied or rediscovered issue or practice.

• Feasibility: the project has a clear and realistic aim, timeframe, work plan, and budget; practice-based and solution-oriented.

• Capacity: the applicant possesses strong qualifications and/or knowledge; demonstrates an ability to carry out the project successfully; initiates collaborative, cross-disciplinary work and networking.
The BE-FELLOW Jury selects the Fellows. To ensure impartiality, the majority of the Jury consists of external, highly distinguished experts:

- **Prof. Florian Nagler**
  *Professor of Architectural Design and Construction, TU Munich; Florian Nagler Architekten, Munich*

- **Prof. Anna Ramos**
  *Adjunct Professor of Architectural Technology, ETSAB – UPC; Director Fundació Mies van der Rohe, Barcelona*

- **Prof. Christiane Sauer**
  *Professor for Material Design, Weißensee Kunsthochschule Berlin*

- **Karen Stein**
  *Independent Critic and Architectural Advisor, New York*

- **Prof. Jan De Vylder**
  *ETH Zürich Department Architektur, Chair for Architecture and Design; Architecten Jan De Vylder Inge Vinck A JDVIV, Ghent/Brussels*

- **Prof. Dr. Jan Wurm**
  *Professor of Regenerative Design and Biofabrication in Architecture, KU Leuven; EU Engagement and Venturing Lead Europe, Arup, Brussels*

- **Prof. Regine Leibinger**
  *Barkow Leibinger; Founder & Director, Experimental, Berlin*

- **Prof. Dr. Philipp Misselwitz**
  *Executive Director, Bauhaus Earth, Berlin*

- **Chrissie Muhr**
  *Program Head BE-FELLOW; Co-Managing Director & Artistic Director, Experimental, Berlin*
Submissions are to be sent exclusively by email to be-fellow@bauhauserde.org.

SCHEDULE
15 May 2024 (08:00 CEST) – Start Open Call
1 July 2024 (23:59 CEST) – Closing Deadline for Submissions
Sep 2024 – Jury Meeting and Selection, Announcement of new Fellow
1 Nov 2024 to 30 June 2025 – BE-FELLOW duration

SUBMISSION
Applicants are required to submit the following materials in English. There is no fee to apply to the BE-FELLOW Program.

1. Completed Application Form.
2. CV & Portfolio (5 projects, 10 pages, up to 15 MB); showcasing the applicant’s specific qualifications and/or knowledge, as well as their capacity to successfully execute projects encompassing design, construction and research. Both built and unbuilt projects are acceptable as relevant work samples; unbuilt projects will be considered relevant if they contribute to the project proposal.
3. Project Proposal including an abstract (150 words) and a comprehensive proposal of the planned process, schedule and budget.
4. Production Budget, including eligible costs foreseen for the successful completion of the Fellowship project (e.g. production fees for workshops or testing, conferences, etc.).

DECLARATION OF OWNERSHIP
The applicant is solely responsible for the content of the entry. Selected applicant’s proposals will be published on BE-FELLOW and Experimental communication channels and media.
See – Application Form.
BE-FELLOW Team
be-fellow@bauhauserde.org

The BE-FELLOW Program is led by Chrissie Muhr, Co-Managing and Artistic Director of Experimental, together with the Program Co-Managers Rosa Hanhausen and Alexine Sammut at Bauhaus Earth. 

BE-FELLOW is a collaboration between Bauhaus Earth and Experimental. The project-based Bauhaus Earth Fellowship Program (BE-FELLOW) is designed to provide fellows with the financial freedom and a stimulating intellectual and professional mentorship, network and environment.

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BAUHAUS EARTH is a think- and make-tank, conformed by an interdisciplinary team of researchers and experimenters, whose main objective is the transformation of the built environment from a carbon emitter to a carbon sink. The team hails from the fields of theoretical and applied science, engineering, architecture, art and design, construction and building technology; covering the entire dimension of new concepts and strategies needed to achieve a sustainable built environment. The Berlin Marienpark Lab is a vibrant space for innovation and collaboration where material and technical research meets experimental design and building science. As a space for critical public discussion and co-creation, we are not just about bridging research and practice: we aim to become the epicentre of the regenerative building movement. Located in the south of Berlin, the 600 sqm workshop and exhibition space provides the infrastructure to support experimentation and the production of prototypes and building elements using bio-based materials and waste streams. The Lab also provides office and meeting space.

EXPERIMENTAL is a Berlin-based non-profit organization founded by the architect Prof. Regine Leibinger in 2022. It fosters projects that seek to chart new territory in the field of architecture, with the goal of changing how and with what we build. Experimental is committed to sustainability but goes beyond the technical, focusing on the spatial quality and aesthetics of the built environment. It offers emerging talents financial and organizational support, giving them space to experience the joy of experimentation and to raise unconventional questions and project ideas. Experimental is currently further developing the fellowship program to include new formats such as publications, exhibitions and symposia, as well as new collaborations and networks.