

# APPLICATION GUIDELINES

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should have completed their PhD in a foreign research institute and should have less than three years of postdoctoral research experience at the date of their application.

## Duration and funding

Each fellowship runs for 12 month. An extension of the stay at BAM depends on the work result and the available positions in the department or division. In addition, several national and European third-party funding programs exist through which the stay at BAM can be extended. BAM strongly welcomes and supports Adolf Martens fellows to submit applications to these programs.

## Requirements

Candidates should have precise ideas about the scientific work they would like to carry out at BAM within one year. Before applying, applicants should contact the potential host department or division at BAM and agree on a research programme that corresponds to BAM's thematic priorities. The following documents should be included in your application:

- Letter of motivation
- Proposal of your intended research work at BAM ([template available here](#))
- a confirmation of a BAM host department
- CV and publication list
- Letters of recommendation of two recognized external scientists in the proposed area of research

# ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications are reviewed twice a year by a team of BAM experts, on the cut-off dates 31.03, 31.07, 30.11. In selecting applicants for the Fellowship, following criteria are considered:

1. Quality and originality of the research proposal
2. Scholarly achievement including publication record
3. Ability to work as an independent researcher
4. Background knowledge of the research field as well as of a broader interdisciplinary context
5. Integration of the proposed research area into strategically important BAM topics

Applications should be submitted electronically to the BAM research coordination office:  
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und -prüfung (BAM)  
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## Become an Adolf Martens Fellow!

Are you a young scientist with excellent academic credentials and outstanding references?

Did you obtain your Ph.D. abroad and not more than three years ago?

Does your area of expertise match BAM's scientific direction?

Then we invite you to apply for an Adolf Martens Fellowship.

Every year, the Adolf Martens Fellowship Programme offers full scientific staff salaries for up to 10 selected fellows from all over the world. This prestigious programme is established by BAM in honour of the founding director of the Royal Prussian Materials Testing Institute. This Institute was built at the location of today BAM headquarters in Berlin more than 100 years ago.

Professor Adolf Martens (1850 – 1914) was a founding director of this governmental materials research and testing institute, which he established as an independent authority for failure investigations and approvals. As a pioneer in metallurgy and optical microscopy, he was an outstanding materials scientist. Martensite (a product of the tetragonal transformation of austenite during the enhanced cooling of iron and steel materials) was named in recognition of his achievements.



*Professor Adolf Martens*

Today's BAM postdoc fellowships commemorate Adolf Marten's scientific achievements by providing research opportunities for young scientists who pursue research in all branches related to BAM's mission in the field of safety in technology and chemistry.

