



Visiting Researcher

ISFORB

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year, the [Institute for the Study of Freedom of Religion or Belief \(ISFORB\)](#) invites international scholars and researchers from a variety of disciplines to engage in FORB-related research in the unique and vibrant research community of [ETF Leuven](#).

Researchers from selected countries with compelling research projects that intersect with the theme of the year are welcome to apply for a scholarship, which allows a 3 months research stay in the Spring term (Between February and May).

The visiting researcher will benefit from an accommodating place in beautiful Leuven; Pursue her/his academic goals by concentrated work, with access to the resources of the ETF Leuven library and other libraries in Leuven; Get feedback from the ISFORB researchers through the Study Group meetings and one-on-one consultations with our ISFORB experts. The visiting fellow is expected to present results of her/his research at the annual international ISFORB conference with a further opportunity for publication.

Who is eligible to apply?

- PhD students; post-doctoral researchers; teachers and professors of educational or research institutions, working on FORB related issues;
- The applicant is resident of a country on the [DAC List of ODA Recipients](#);
- The researcher has an adequate level of proficiency in English to engage in academic discussion, reading and writing;
- The researcher is able to start the three-months term around March 1.

Expectations:

During the stay the visiting researcher is expected to:

- work towards a thematic publication focusing on the 2022 ISFORB conference theme;
- present the results in a paper at the ISFORB conference in early May;
- publish the article in the respective volume that follows the conference.

The 2022 ISFORB conference will focus on the relation between Religious Communities and Religious Freedom in Europe.

What does the scholarship cover?

The ISFORB scholarship covers the following costs and gives access to:

- Accommodation at the [Leuven Center for Christian Studies](#).
- Visa costs and travel expenses (up to 900 EUR);
- A personal desk and access to office facilities;
- Costs for participation in the ISFORB conference;
- Library card and access to the digital subscriptions of the ETF Leuven library;
- Stipendium of 200 EUR per month.



How to apply?

The visiting researcher candidates must submit:

- [A completed application form](#);
- An academic CV;
- A letter of recommendation from the sending institution;

The application submission deadline is September 15, 2021.

All questions regarding the application process can be sent to isforb@etf.edu