CORVINUS UNIVERSITY of BUDAPEST
Corvinus Institute for Advanced Studies

Call for Applications
CIAS & INSTITUTE –
International Research Excellence Fellowship Programme

Academic Year 2027/28

Corvinus Institute for Advanced Studies (hereinafter: **CIAS**) invites applications for the **International Research Excellence Visiting Fellowship** (hereinafter: **Fellowship**) **Academic Year 2027/28**, offered in collaboration with the University's Institutes and Research Centres. In support of Corvinus University's Bridge Strategy, the programme advances the University's commitments to research excellence and internationalization by enabling sustained, on-site scholarly work in the fields of **business and management**, **social sciences**, **economics and econometrics**. Established in 2018, the Fellowship has hosted over one hundred scholars from more than forty countries and leading universities, fostering substantive intellectual exchange and durable research collaborations.

1. INTRODUCTION

CIAS is Corvinus' hub for research excellence and international scholarly engagement. CIAS advances these aims by (1) operating research centres with permanent researchers (core faculty) and (2) hosting visiting research fellows (visiting faculty) and enabling sustained, on-site collaboration with Corvinus faculty and students. Fellowships are offered for **5- or 10-month** periods in the **Junior**, **Senior**, and **Non-resident Senior** categories; an **Invited Distinguished** category is also available. Candidates with existing collaborations at Corvinus and those initiating new partnerships are equally welcome; in both cases, CIAS provides structured support to facilitate joint research, dissemination, grant application, and engagement within the University's scholarly community.

Situated in the heart of Central Europe, Budapest offers a concentrated academic ecosystem, with multiple universities, research institutes and libraries, archives, and policy institutes within easy reach of Corvinus, while also serving as a practical gateway to regional partners and comparative field sites. The city's active culture, spanning department colloquia, institute workshops, and visiting lectures, provides a steady cadence of feedback that helps move projects from draft to submission. CIAS itself is located at the Danube's bank, on the seventh floor of the Corvinus new building, with an expansive view over the city that creates a quiet, well-equipped setting for focused work and collegial conversation. Fellows benefit from robust research infrastructure, as well as a manageable urban environment with short commutes, walkable districts, and a rich cultural life that together support sustained scholarly collaboration.

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2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

This section sets out the basic (general) and category-specific eligibility criteria for the Fellowship. Applications that do not meet the basic (general) criteria will be declined without evaluation. If you meet the general criteria but not those for your chosen category, your application may, at CIAS's discretion, be considered under a lower category; this is not guaranteed. Please review all criteria carefully before submitting your application.

2.1. Basic eligibility criteria (for all applicants):

- Doctoral degree (PhD) awarded by the time of application.
- Proficiency in English appropriate to the proposed research activity.
- Transparent research and publication track record, evidenced by a Scopus OR Google Scholar profile.
- On-site availability at CIAS for the Fellowship period as specified for each category.
- Availability to commence the Fellowship no later than 1 October (Autumn semester) or 1 March (Spring semester).
- Having a teaching or research-related legal relationship (e.g., employment or service contract) with a higher-education or research institution in a country other than Hungary.
- Not having Hungarian citizenship.
- Not being eligible for scholarships under the education and research opportunities offered to Hungarians living abroad.

2.2. Additional eligibility criteria for Junior CIAS Research Fellows:

- **Residency:** ability to spend a continuous 5-month period in person at CIAS, as set out in the basic criteria. Short, officially approved professional leaves (for example, conferences or fieldwork) are permitted.
- **Publications:** at least two articles in peer-reviewed Q1 journals (in the year of publication based on Scimago Journal Ranking), each with no more than four co-authors. Journals deemed predatory by Corvinus are not accepted.

2.3. Additional eligibility criteria for Senior CIAS Research Fellows:

- **Residency:** ability to spend a continuous 5-month period in person at CIAS, as set out in the basic criteria. Short, officially approved professional leaves (for example, conferences or fieldwork) are permitted.
- **Publications:** at least six articles in peer-reviewed Q1 journals (in the year of publication based on Scimago Journal Ranking), each with no more than four co-authors. Journals deemed predatory by Corvinus are not accepted.
- **Impact:** H-index ≥ 5 or ≥ 100 citations, as reported on the applicant's Scopus profile at the time of submission; self-citations excluded.

2.4. Additional eligibility criteria for Non-resident Senior CIAS Research Fellows:

- **Residency:** ability to spend at least one month in total per five-month Fellowship block in person at CIAS; this may be divided into shorter visits. Short, officially approved professional leaves (for example, conferences or fieldwork) are permitted.
- **Publications:** at least six articles in peer-reviewed Q1 journals (in the year of publication based on Scimago Journal Ranking), each with no more than four co-authors. Journals deemed predatory by Corvinus are not accepted.
- **Impact:** h-index ≥ 5 or ≥ 100 citations, as reported on the applicant's Scopus profile at the time of submission; self-citations excluded.
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2.5. Additional eligibility criteria for Invited Distinguished CIAS Research Fellows:

- **Residency:** ability to spend a continuous Fellowship period in person at CIAS. Short, officially approved professional leaves (for example, conferences or fieldwork) are permitted.
- **Publications:** at least six articles in peer-reviewed Q1 journals (in the year of publication based on Scimago Journal Ranking), each with no more than four co-authors. Journals deemed predatory by Corvinus are not accepted.
- **Impact:** h-index ≥ 15 or ≥ 2 000 citations, as reported on the applicant's Scopus profile at the time of submission; self-citations excluded.

3. FELLOWSHIP STRUCTURE

CIAS provides a comprehensive financial support package to enable focused, high-quality research. Fellows receive a competitive monthly stipend, a monetary contribution toward accommodation (arranged by the visiting fellows), health insurance coverage, a family allowance while in Budapest, and relocation support for travel. Under Corvinus Presidential Committee No. 15/2024 (Provisions on the International Excellence Scholarship for Visiting Lecturers and Researchers), this funding is disbursed as a scholarship and is tax-free in Hungary and in many countries. Detailed amounts and conditions follow.

3.1. Stipend:

- Junior CIAS Research Fellows: €2,000 per month.
- Senior CIAS Research Fellows: €3,000 per month.
- Non-resident Senior CIAS Research Fellows: €3,000 per month during on-site residence at CIAS (Budapest) and €1,500 per month during off-site periods.
- Invited Distinguished CIAS Research Fellows: €3,000 per month.

3.2. Accommodation (only during on-site stay at CIAS, in Budapest, proportional to the length of stay):

- €1,000 per month as an accommodation contribution if the visiting fellow arranges housing independently.
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- In-kind housing at the Corvinus Gellért Campus (professors' apartments), subject to limited availability. When campus housing is provided, the accommodation contribution is €0 for the corresponding period.

3.3. Health insurance (only during on-site stay at CIAS, in Budapest, proportional to the length of stay):

- €100 per month as a contribution toward health insurance; coverage must be arranged independently by the visiting fellow.

3.4. Family allowance (only during on-site stay of dependents in Budapest, proportional to the family member(s)' length of stay):

- €600 per month if the visiting fellow brings one dependent.
- €900 per month if the visiting fellow brings two or more dependents.
- The fellow must declare the exact period for which this support is requested; the allowance is provided only for months when the dependents reside in Budapest.

3.5. Relocation and travel support (intended to offset relocation and incidental travel costs associated with the Fellowship):

- €700 for fellows traveling from a European country (not limited to the EU).
- €1,400 for fellows traveling from outside Europe.
- This support is granted once per Fellowship award and is distributed evenly across the first five monthly payments, regardless of whether the Fellowship lasts 5 or 10 months. It is included in monthly disbursements and is not paid as a lump sum.

3.6. Payment schedule:

- **Disbursement structure.** Fellowship funding (stipend plus any eligible accommodation, health insurance, family, and relocation support) is paid in five monthly instalments per 5-month Fellowship block. For 10-month appointments, payments are made across two consecutive 5-month blocks.

- **Method.** Payments are made by bank transfer only to the fellow's own bank account; transfers to third-party accounts are not permitted.

- **Bank account requirements.** It is the fellow's responsibility to provide an active bank account in their own name that accepts EUR transfers and can receive international payments where applicable. CIAS is not responsible for delays or failed transfers caused by account limitations or incorrect banking details.

- **Calendar.** Each monthly instalment is paid no later than the 15th of the following month. Example: if the Fellowship begins in September, the first instalment is paid by 15 October.

- **Commencement requirement.** Payments begin only after the fellow has commenced the Fellowship on the approved start date. No payment is made for any period prior to arrival/commencement.

- **Presence check.** CIAS requires an in-person check-in (and submission of bank details) before releasing the first payment. If a fellow does not commence as scheduled (for example, a Junior or Senior fellow due to start on 1 September who does not appear), no payment is due for that period.

3.7. Taxation and legal status

Under Corvinus Presidential Committee No. 15/2024 (Provisions on the International Excellence Scholarship for Visiting Lecturers and Researchers), the Fellowship is treated as a scholarship under Hungarian law and is therefore exempt from Hungarian taxes. Tax treatment outside Hungary varies by jurisdiction. It is the fellow's sole responsibility to understand and comply with tax obligations in their home or residence country and to make any necessary filings. Corvinus/CIAS does not provide individual tax advice and does not engage with foreign tax authorities; we can only provide official certificates and documentation regarding the scholarship upon request. This policy clarifies roles and responsibilities; matters related to foreign taxation are outside our capabilities.

4. EXPECTATIONS DURING THE FELLOWSHIP PERIOD

CIAS Fellows are expected to meet the following requirements throughout their Fellowship:

- **Publications.** Submit at least one manuscript per 5-month period to a peer-reviewed international journal, listing "Corvinus Institute for Advanced Studies (CIAS), Corvinus University of Budapest" as a (second) affiliation.[1] Minimum journal tiers by category (Scimago Journal Ranking):
  - Junior: Q1 or Q2
  - Senior: D1 or Q1
  - Non-resident Senior: D1 or Q1

- **Research presentation.** Present research project/results at least once every 5 months, either at the CIAS International Workshop or at a workshop organised by a Corvinus Institute or Research Centre.

[1] For all publications counted toward Fellowship outputs, authors must list "Corvinus Institute for Advanced Studies (CIAS), Corvinus University of Budapest" as an institutional affiliation in the author byline and journal metadata. An acknowledgement alone does not meet this requirement. Dual affiliation is acceptable; CIAS should be included as the second affiliation where applicable. The CIAS affiliation must appear at submission, in preprints, and in the final published version. Outputs that do not meet this standard will not be credited toward Fellowship requirements and may affect the release of the final instalment.

- **Scholarly service.** Provide at least 60 minutes per week of consultation, mentoring, or teaching (online or in person) possibility for Corvinus students and/or faculty.

- **Final instalment condition.** The final payment of the Fellowship is transferred only after the requisite manuscript has been submitted to an acceptable journal (as defined above and below).

Journal policy (exclusions). Submissions will not be counted and accepted if the journal is identified as predatory or questionable on the Norwegian Register (Kanalregisteret), those placed below Level 1 at the time of submission. Submissions will not be counted and accepted in PloS One, and journals published by Frontiers and Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI).

Invited Distinguished Fellows are expected to meet unique requirements that differ case-by-case.

- **Research equipment, data, and infrastructure.** Fellows are responsible for bringing and maintaining their own primary equipment (e.g., laptop and required software/licenses) and for securing any project-specific data, datasets, or approvals necessary to complete their research. Corvinus provides a workstation (desk, chair, monitor, internet access) and institutional access to selected databases and library resources; availability varies by license and cannot be guaranteed for all projects. CIAS/Corvinus assumes no responsibility for delays or incomplete outputs resulting from equipment, software, licensing, or data-access constraints. Fellows must also ensure legal and ethical compliance (including data protection and third-party license terms) for all materials they use.

- **Compliance with Fellowship expectations.** Fellows are expected to follow CIAS procedures that safeguard programme integrity and institutional rights while not interrupting research. These light-touch measures, such as brief progress reports, short check-ins with the Dean's Office, and reasonable verification of residency in Budapest for the fellow and (where relevant) dependents, are scheduled and conducted to avoid disruption to scholarly work and in line with data-protection rules. Non-compliance with reporting or verification requirements, or failure to maintain the agreed residency pattern, may affect eligibility for ongoing payments and continuation of the Fellowship.

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5. APPLICATION AND EVALUATION

Applications must be submitted by the stated deadline (non-negotiable). Each eligible file is then peer-reviewed independently and anonymously by two senior experts in the applicant's field. Based on these evaluations, CIAS compiles a short list, and short-listed candidates are invited to a 15-minute oral interview (online). Following the interviews, the selection panel determines the final list of awardees. Key dates for each stage are provided below.

- Deadline for applications: **15 February 2027, 23:59 CET**
- Deadline for notifying short-listers: **22 March 2027, 23:59 CET**
- Deadline for notifying the final awardees: **15 April 2027, 23:59 CET**

Fellowship's duration. Those interested in the Fellowship can apply for either a 5- or 5+5-months duration; but the second 5 months do not apply automatically, they are awarded based on the Fellow's performance in the first 5 months, and the budgetary circumstances of the University.

Evaluation principles and scoring. The evaluation prioritises research excellence. In addition to meeting the basic and category-specific criteria, candidates who demonstrate outstanding performance in the areas below receive additional weight in scoring:

- Outstanding research metrics (e.g., number of D1, Q1, Q2 publications, H-index based on independent citations, and number of independent citations).
- Doctoral degree from a university ranked in the top 200 of the relevant QS Subject Rankings at the time the degree was awarded.
- Professional accomplishments (e.g., honours, awards, invited distinctions).
- Successful research grant applications (competitively awarded).
- Full-time experience in an outstanding (top 200 of the relevant QS Subject Rankings) research centre or higher-education institution.

Invited Distinguished Fellows. Invited Distinguished Research Fellows are evaluated based on unique expectations that differ case-by-case.

The Statement of Proposed Activity (research plan) is a key component and is assessed for originality, feasibility, fit with CIAS/Corvinus, and anticipated scholarly contribution.

Transparency. We report to applicants (1) the average score assigned by the two reviewers and (2) the minimum score required for an award in the relevant category. We do not disclose sub-scores or reviewer-specific breakdowns.

Offer acceptance. Successful candidates will receive a formal offer and have 14 calendar days to accept it in writing. If acceptance is not received within this period, the offer lapses, and CIAS reserves the right to extend the Fellowship to the next candidate(s) on the ranked list. Offers are non-transferable and may include conditions (e.g., start date, residency pattern) that must be confirmed at acceptance.

Applications are accepted only through the digital platform accessible via this LINK.

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Reapplication. A Fellowship may be awarded to the same individual no more than once within any five-year period. Prior unsuccessful applications do not preclude reapplication in subsequent rounds. However, following the successful completion of a CIAS Fellowship, any new application from the same individual will be ineligible for five years from the Fellowship end date.

The application is considered complete by the Dean's Office of CIAS once the following stages have been submitted or completed:

- Completing the application form.
- Detailed Statement of Proposed Research and Publication Activity (emailed to: cias@uni-corvinus.hu)
- Candidate's detailed curriculum vitae (emailed to: cias@uni-corvinus.hu).

The Statement of Proposed Activity template can be found in Annex 1 of this call.
The Dean's Office of CIAS manages applications, and all formal communication takes place via email (cias@uni-corvinus.hu).

We look forward to seeing your application!