



SUPPORTING FAQs

- **What categories of professorships can be funded, and for what funding terms?**

Endowed professorships can be funded as W1 professorships (3+3 years) or time-limited W2 professorships (5 years). Visiting professorships last for at least one semester. In individual cases, it may also be possible to fund the early years of permanent professorships (W2 or W3) when appointments are brought forward so that an incoming professor starts work before the previous incumbent of a chair has vacated their position.

- **How high is the funding for the professorships?**

The funding amounts are based on the average personnel rates for the different categories of professorships. They cover the basic salary associated with a professorship, individual performance bonuses, and a pension allowance. Holders of endowed professorships can apply to CCC for funds to cover personnel or other resources on the basis of their needs.

- **What is an endowed professorship?**

Endowed professorships are used to fund research in innovative new fields. Endowed professorships can be funded wholly or partially by third parties (such as enterprises, foundations, private donors, associations etc.) for a limited period. Endowed professorships are filled in accordance with the higher education legislation of the specific German state where a given appointment is made.

- **What is a visiting professorship or a visiting lecturer position?**

The university can engage a person fulfilling the requirements for appointment to a university professorship to perform professorial duties for a limited period on a freelance basis as a visiting professor. The university can also engage visiting lecturers on a freelance basis for a limited period to perform professional duties that do not demand the qualifications required for a professorship. The usual obligation to advertise positions does not apply to visiting professor or visiting lecturer positions.

- **What institution makes appointments?**

Appointments are made to one of the Climate Change Center's university partners in Berlin or Brandenburg. These are currently Freie Universität Berlin, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, Berlin University of the Arts, and the University of Potsdam.



- **In what disciplines can funding be allocated?**

Funding can be allocated to almost any discipline provided the research topic is linked with one of the main research focus areas of CCC.

- **How is funding governed?**

Professorships or projects are funded through donations. When donations have been earmarked for specific purposes, an agreement on the use of the respective funds is concluded between the donor and the Climate Change Center. This agreement is drawn up in consultation with the donor and demarcates the professorship or the research field covered by the specific project. It specifies the university, the faculty and the designation of the chair the funds have been earmarked for. Donors are not entitled to participate in decision-making on who is appointed to positions or to direct or instruct appointees.

- **Can funding donations be made for more than one year?**

Funding can be earmarked for use within a year or across multiple years. In the case of endowed professorships, for example, donations can be made as a one-off donation at the beginning of the period funded, annually or in accordance with individual agreements.

- **Does funding professors and projects enable funders to carry out joint research together with the recipients of this funding?**

Funding is provided in the form of donations. It does not serve to finance commissioned research. Funding partners can, however, commission research from members of the network of experts at CCC. Such arrangements must, however, be governed by separate agreements.

- **Who owns the research results attained?**

All research results attained within the scope of an endowed professorship are formally the property of the respective university as the relevant employer. CCC is committed to the principles of open science and open access and supports open access to knowledge in the sciences and humanities. The Code of Conduct for endowed professorships of the Donors' Association for the Promotion of Sciences and the Humanities in Germany can be perused here (in German only): https://stiftungsprofessuren.de/code_of_conduct