

# RESEARCH EXPLORER RUHR 2026

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Research Explorer Ruhr is a two-week summer program for international advanced doctoral researchers and recent postdocs (< 1 year after PhD) interested in exploring the research landscape in the Ruhr area, Germany. The program is jointly offered by the universities of Bochum, Dortmund, and Duisburg-Essen (University Alliance Ruhr) under the umbrella of Research Academy.

Join in to work out research compatibility with a professor of your choice and explore possibilities to come back for a longer postdoc stay with your own funding! During a two-week stay on-site **from 21 June to 4 July 2026**, you will meet your host researchers, explore the labs and research facilities of our universities, and work intensively on a potential third-party funding proposal. Benefit from accompanying workshops on postdoc funding schemes and research career options in Germany. Take the opportunity to exchange ideas and network with our faculty members and early career researchers from Bochum, Dortmund, Duisburg and Essen.

The program is conducted entirely in English. The invitation includes travel expenses and accommodation.

**Deadline for applications is 15 February 2026.**

### Schedule

- February–March 2026:  
Call closes on 15 February and hosts will select candidates by March
- March–June 2026:  
**Virtual exchanges** with your host about your potential postdoc project
- 21 June–4 July 2026:  
**Two week stay at University Alliance Ruhr (Bochum/Dortmund/Duisburg-Essen)**

Please find all participating hosts and further information at <https://www.research-academy-ruhr.de/programm/researchexplorer/>

If you have any questions, please get in touch with  
✉ **Dr. Jörn Benzinger.**

