The University of Cologne (UoC) has established specific Key Profile Areas (KPAs), that represent internationally competitive research foci, addressing topics of high scientific, technological, and societal relevance. The KPAs are subject to significant funding for a variety of measures, including the International Faculty Program.

The International Faculty Program aims to attract outstanding international researchers who are already collaborating closely with researchers based at UoC and allows each KPA to develop and expand its international excellence. The International Faculty directly participates in research and teaching activities conducted within the respective KPAs.

In addition to excellent research, the International Faculty Program contributes to the internationalization of teaching at the UoC. The contribution of International Faculty to teaching is individually negotiated and mainly targets teaching, supervision and mentoring of graduates.

To allow International Faculty to contribute to the scientific and academic tasks and duties of the KPAs in a sustainable manner, a minimum stay in Cologne of at least six weeks per contractual year is required. Contracts are made for two years with the option of an extension. Suggestions for International Faculty are made by the KPA speakers and have to include evidence of previous successful collaborations.

Practical help and assistance for International Faculty regarding accommodation, visa and registration is offered by the Welcome Center of the International Office.

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