



**2024 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
MAX PLANCK PARTNER GROUPS WORLDWIDE WITH THE FOCUS ON
ASIA/SOUTHEAST ASIA, AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND CENTRAL AND EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
(EXCLUDING BELARUS, RUSSIA)
FOR POSTDOCS / YOUNG FACULTY**

DEADLINE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

General

Max Planck Partner Groups are led by outstanding early career researchers of MPI who have moved or are about to move to a respective research institution or university in their home country or located in one of the regions mentioned above. Max Planck Partner Groups enable collaboration in research areas that are innovative, scientifically promising, geared to the future and of mutual interest both to the Max Planck Institute (MPI) and to the partner institution in the host country to which she/he is relocating. A Partner Group is set up for a duration of five years and provides a high-level and visible framework to the Partner Group Leader aiming at strengthening collaboration, building up a research group as well as international networking.

Heading a Max Planck Partner Group is a distinction. The President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft formally appoints candidates upon recommendation/nomination by one of its Scientific Members (i.e. Director of MPI).

Qualification and Nomination

Nominations for Partner Groups by the Directors of Max Planck Institutes are addressed to the President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft. Candidates should be scientists of proven excellence at postdoc/young faculty level who have spent minimum 6 to 12 months at an MPI. Nominees should have obtained their doctorate no longer than seven years ago (for a doctorate in medicine: no longer than nine years).

Candidates who are not yet working at a research institution/university in their host country at the time of nomination, are expected to find such a position within 6 months of the official approval of the Partner Group.

Funding and contractual arrangements

Partner Groups are governed by a bilateral agreement between the MPI and the host institution abroad. Partner Groups are funded with an amount of €20k p.a. plus any applicable value added tax (VAT) accrued in Germany from the MPG central budget¹. Funds can, for example, be used to cover the costs for travel expenses, workshops, PhD students and postdocs, as well as smaller equipment. Possible overhead costs incurred by the host institution cannot be covered.

¹ If the €20k or part of the €20k are transferred abroad, they become subject to value added tax in Germany. VAT is paid by the MPI to the tax office.

NOMINATION MODALITIES:

Only Directors of a Max Planck Institute are eligible to nominate a candidate; therefore, as a first step, candidates need to contact a Director of a suitable Max Planck Institute.

The nomination documents are to be sent electronically (only) to the following corresponding contacts:

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