



Förderkreis des Rathgen-Forschungslabors e.V.
Rathgen Heritage Science Scholarship 2024

The Rathgen Research Laboratory with the National Museums Berlin is the leading institution for heritage science in the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation. It researches aging and weathering processes as well as sustainable conservation and restoration strategies for movable and immovable cultural heritage in the light of global change and is an active contributor to the sustainability debate on the Green Museum. It deals with the development of analytical, in particular non-destructive investigation technologies as well as questions concerning the documentation and accessibility of cultural heritage in the digital age. Preventive conservation, art technology and archaeometry are further areas of research.

It carries forward the tradition of the world's oldest scientific museum laboratory, the Chemical Laboratory of the Royal Museums in Berlin, which was founded on April 1st, 1888 and bears the name of its first director, Friedrich Rathgen.

It is the mission of the Friends of Rathgen ([Förderkreis des Rathgen-Forschungslabors e.V.](#)) to support the work of the Rathgen Research Laboratory in various ways, among others by supporting research projects of young professionals in heritage science.

To this end, the Rathgen Heritage Science Scholarship program has been established in 2009 and stipends are awarded annually. The Rathgen Heritage Science Scholarship enables emerging professionals to undertake a research project at the laboratory within a 1-3 month duration. Successful applicants will receive a monthly scholarship of EUR 900 month (for Post-Graduates) and EUR 1200 (for Post-docs).

The topic of the research project can be proposed freely by the applicant and will be evaluated by a selection committee for potential synergies with the research areas of the Rathgen Research Laboratory.

The application consists of:

- 1-2 pages explaining the research proposal, the required resources and the envisaged time frame, including preliminary work accomplished and short bibliography
- CV including list of publications
- 2 reference letters of support

Deadline for 2024 applications is March 29th, 2024.

Please submit your application electronically to:

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