

Call for Applications:

CINCH Fellowships in Health Economics

The CINCH research centre welcomes applications from highly qualified researchers eager to collaborate with a leading German health economics research unit. The CINCH fellowship programme offers two distinct tracks—research and professorial fellowships—depending on the applicant's professional experience and availability.

CINCH Research Fellowship (Academic Year 2025/26)

The **CINCH Research Fellowships support** short-term research visits (typically a few weeks) to the CINCH research centre in Essen during the 2025/26 academic year. These fellowships are open to researchers at any level of seniority from the postdoctoral stage and upwards, working in **health economics or closely related fields**.

Fellows will have the opportunity to pursue their own research projects, interact with CINCH faculty and local partners—such as the RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research—and benefit from access to rich administrative data and a dynamic academic environment.

The fellowship covers **travel and accommodation expenses** for the duration of the stay. To make the most of the research exchange, applicants are encouraged to visit **during term time**:

- **Winter term:** October 2025 – February 2026
- **Summer term:** April – July 2026

Application Criteria

- Ph.D. in economics
- A research project that aligns with the general themes of CINCH

Application Material

- CV and motivational letter
- Brief description of intended research plans (max. 2 pages)



CINCH Professorial Fellowship (Academic Years 2026/27 or 2027/28)

The **CINCH Professorial Fellowships** offer the opportunity for internationally recognised scholars in **health economics or related fields** to spend a semester as a **guest professor** at CINCH in Essen. These fellowships are designed to foster long-term international collaboration in research and teaching and are open to tenured academics at the rank of **associate professor or higher**, who are eligible for a sabbatical and available for **full-time residence in Essen** during the semester of their stay.

Fellowships may be held during any semester in the academic years **2026/27 through 2027/28**. Guest professors are encouraged to engage in ongoing research projects, initiate new collaborations, and contribute to CINCH's graduate teaching—tailored to their interests and expertise—within our Master's programs in Economics and [Health Economics](#) or the doctoral research training group "[Regional Disparities and Economic Policy](#)" funded by the German research foundation (DFG).

We are particularly interested in applicants who wish to deepen existing ties or develop new ones with researchers in Essen, and who value engagement in a **lively, interdisciplinary health economics community**.

Fellowship Conditions

- Remuneration at professorial level (German W-Besoldung scale), with pay grade depending on seniority
- Reimbursement of travel expenses
- €3,000 per semester in research-related support funds
- Support with practical arrangements (housing, transport, childcare, etc.)

During their stay, fellows are invited to participate in CINCH's **weekly seminar series** and other academic events, and will benefit from **access to high-quality administrative data** through CINCH and its partner institutions, including the RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research.

Application Criteria

- Tenured faculty (associate professor or above)



- Eligible for sabbatical leave at home institution
- Availability for full-time residence in Essen for one semester

Application Material

- CV
- Brief description of intended research and teaching plans (max. 2 pages)
- Preferred semesters (any between autumn 2026 and summer 2028)

How to apply

The application deadline is **August 1, 2025**. Please send your application to fellowship-cinch@wiwinf.uni-due.de. For questions about the programs, contact **Rebecca Leber** at CINCH via rebecca.leber@uni-due.de. Further information about CINCH may be found on the [CINCH Website](#).

The **University of Duisburg-Essen** and **CINCH** are committed to supporting international researchers, promoting gender equality, and providing a welcoming and family-friendly academic environment.

