Designations of Research Positions at the MPIWG

Research positions that you'll most often see advertised on the MPIWG's "Positions and Fellowships" page are listed below. All research positions are advertised with their department number or research group.

Postdoctoral Fellow: Early career scholar who is ordinarily no more than five years past the granting of the doctorate and who is financed in part or in whole by the MPIWG. These scholars carry minor responsibilities (no more than 10% of their time) within their research unit.

Research Scholar: Early career scholar who has ordinarily already had at least one postdoctoral fellowship or equivalent academic experience. This is the equivalent of an entry-level academic position (e.g. assistant professor in North America, Lecturer in the United Kingdom, Maître de conférences in France). These scholars carry considerable responsibilities (no more than 30% of their time) within their research unit.

Predoctoral Fellow: Candidate for a doctorate at an accredited university financed in part or in whole by the MPIWG. These scholars carry minor responsibilities (no more than 10% of their time) within their research unit.