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Training on biodiversity-monitoring in Azerbaijan (Photo: Sebastian Schmidt)



**MICHAEL SUCCOW FOUNDATION**  
for the Protection of Nature



## Marion Dönhoff Fellowship at the Michael Succow Foundation



East-West dialogue

## The fellowship

The Marion Dönhoff Foundation funding fellowships at the Michael Succow Foundation creates a unique chance for post-graduate research on environmental issues focussing on the region of post-soviet states. With this fellowship two renowned foundations make a joint effort for an environmentally aware, responsible and proactive youth.

The fellowship's goals:

- promoting the critical analysis and debate on issues concerning environment, sustainability and political ecology
- simultaneously supporting a critical East-West dialogue
- fostering environmental media debate on these issues
- supporting regional and international networks

### Who may apply?

The programme is geared towards post-graduates with professional experience and activists from civil society networks and environmental groups focusing on regions in post-soviet states, including the South Caucasus and Central Asia. Applicants should be between 25 and 38 years old. Good language skills in English or German (written and spoken) are required. In exceptional cases and given outstanding qualifications, applications in Russian language can be accepted.

### What's funded?

The fellowship funds a study and work visit in Germany for up to five months. Up to four persons a year are eligible to receive the grant.

### What are fellows to do?

Fellows work on a subject of their own choice relevant to the programme's goals and must publish their results. The publication is a condition for the grant.

### When to apply?

Applications may be handed in by email each year before 1st of July and 1st of January.

### How to apply?

Applicants shall submit:

- a one-page letter of motivation
- a project description (up to three pages) of issue to be analysed
- CV
- copy/scan of passport



Marion Gräfin Dönhoff  
(Photo: Marion Dönhoff Foundation)



Michael Succow  
(Photo: Michael Succow Foundation)

“The legendary journalist and editor Marion Dönhoff sharply criticized the capitalist pursuit of unlimited growth and its toll on ecology. She also thought the cooperation with Germany's eastern neighbours and the promotion of young people highly important. Thus, the Marion Dönhoff Fellowship at the Michael Succow Foundation ideally fits her spirit.”

*Irene Brauer, Marion Dönhoff Foundation*

“Michael Succow received the Right Livelihood Award (1997) for a lifetime dedication to nature. His foundation engages in nature conservation and the development of national parks and biosphere reserves in Germany and transformational countries of the former Soviet Union where it also seeks to promote young academic environmentalists.”

*Sebastian Schmidt, CEO of the Michael Succow Foundation*



Komila Nabiyeva (Photo: Güntaç Uzman)



Aiman Imentai (Photo: Kira Jantayeva)

“The Marion Dönhoff Fellowship offered me a unique chance for up-to-date research on renewable energy resources in Central Asia while simultaneously profiting from know-how of the Michael Succow Foundation's environmental specialists.”

*Fellow Komila Nabiyeva, Uzbekistan*

“To concentrate on my topic of water management at the Ili Balkhash basin with freedom to write and help of enthusiastic people – that opportunity for research gave me the Marion Dönhoff Fellowship at the Michael Succow Foundation.”

*Fellow Aiman Imentai, Kazakhstan*