

Leibniz ScienceCampus

Eastern Europe – Global Area (EEGA)

Call for Applications: EEGA@future: Postgraduate-Grants

Deadline for submissions: 1 June 2018

Start of funding: 1 October 2018

Funding period: 3 months

The Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA:

The Leibniz ScienceCampus “Eastern Europe – Global Area” (EEGA) is committed to developing new research perspectives on Eastern Europe, engaging in knowledge exchange activities on the region with stakeholders, and promoting young researchers. It follows the idea that the multi-disciplinary and multi-faceted examination of processes of globalisation are a key for a better understanding of actual societal developments. The focus is on Eastern Europe’s diverse, tension-filled, and sometimes paradoxical globalisation projects “from within” and “from the outside”, and thus, on the self-positioning of Eastern European societies under the global condition.

The EEGA brings together interdisciplinary knowledge and expertise from researchers affiliated with both universities and research institutes in the Leipzig-Jena-Halle science region. Together with partners from the region, the EEGA explores the fields of migration and mobilities; business strategies and political economies; cultural and intellectual perspectives and identities; and political integration in a changing global arena. Overcoming prejudices and clichés, some of which are rooted in the era of the Cold War, and promoting an informed understanding of Eastern Europe in its diverse traditions and positions, developments and (internal) dynamics, are the primary mission.

Research Areas:

The EEGA focuses on five Research Areas:

- Research Area 1: Mobilities and Migration Regimes in Eastern Europe
(Coordination: Judith Miggelbrink and Helena Flam)
- Research Area 2: The Self-Positioning of Eastern Europe in a New World Order In-The-Making
(Coordination: Frank Hadler and Matthias Middell)
- Research Area 3: Business Strategies and Frameworks of Political Economies
(Coordination: Sebastian Henn, Thomas Glauben and Thorsten Posselt)
- Research Area 4: Cultural and Intellectual Perspectives and Identifications
(Coordination: Jürgen Heyde, Yvonne Kleinmann and Stefan Troebst)
- Research Area 5: Eastern Europe in Times of Europeanisation
(Coordination: Gert Pickel and Holger Lengfeld)

Details:

The ScienceCampus EEGA invites for applications by talented Postgraduate students who are intending to develop a PhD proposal in the field of research of the EEGA, i. e. Eastern European Studies, European Studies, Global and Area Studies, and the disciplines involved in the ScienceCampus. The EEGA will provide both financial as well as topical support to scholarship holders. The EEGA facilitates access to existing infrastructures at the member institutions of the EEGA. Scholarship holders get the opportunity to participate in existing PhD- and institutional colloquia and other events of participating institutes. The ScienceCampus also offers additional training measures and services to the scholarship holders. They will get the chance to receive specific counselling from EEGA PostDocs, individual consultation with research area coordinators in the EEGA, training sessions organised by EEGA, and financial support of participation in existing courses at other universities or research institutions in Germany.

Eligible for Postgraduate-Grants are MA students from Germany, foreign Postgraduate students who are currently situated in Germany and Postgraduate students from institutions in other countries that are related to the members of the EEGA through cooperation agreements. Main criterion for selection is the compatibility of the Postgraduate student's research interest with the focus and aims of the EEGA. Eligible are Postgraduate students only. Generally, the submission of the MA thesis should not date back longer than 12 months.

Applications should be related to the research focus of one or more research areas of the EEGA.

Commitment:

The ScienceCampus EEGA's programme for Postgraduate students starts every October and comprises different coaching sessions centred on "How to write a PhD proposal". An introductory session will be followed by training sessions, e. g. on methods, by selected research area coordinators.

Participation in the trainings, lectures and seminars organised by the ScienceCampus is obligatory. Additional offers can be chosen voluntarily.

The Postgraduate scholarship holders commit to handing in a first draft of the PhD proposal after 6 weeks, including a time line and work plan. It shall have a length of ca. 1.000 words. After 12 weeks a full proposal of ca. 3.000 words has to be submitted to the EEGA coordination and one of the research area coordinators for review.

Support:

To support scholarship holders during the period of intense proposal writing, the EEGA awards individual scholarships of 750 Euros per month for 3 months of funding. The coaching programme starts on 1 October 2018 and ends on 31 December 2018. Extensions are not foreseen.

By no later than 4 weeks in advance of the scholarship a formal scholarship agreement will be signed by the spokespersons of the ScienceCampus EEGA and the scholarship holder. Failure to submit the first draft of the PhD proposal will lead to the discontinuation of the scholarship. Repayments will be claimed.

Applications must include:

1. EEGA Application Form
2. CV
3. Abstract (250 – 500 words), field of research and 5 keywords describing the intended PhD project
4. Letter of reference

Please submit your application as one PDF (max. 18 pages, 10 MB) to leibniz-eeга@ifl-leipzig.de and consider the notes for the specific funding measures the EEGA provides.

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