

The **International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC) at Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany**, invites international applications for PhD fellowships. Due to generous support from the German Research Foundation (DFG), the GCSC can offer in 2007

up to 5 PhD fellowships.

PhD candidates seeking an excellent research environment will find ideal conditions and maximum support at the GCSC, which was awarded the status of a 'DFG - Graduate School of Germany's Excellence Initiative' in 2006. The PhD fellowships include a monthly stipend of approximately €1.000 and are offered for one year with the possibility of two extensions, each of a year. They start on October 15th, 2007.

Acceptance of a fellowship requires participation in the study programme and the wide-ranging events offered by the GCSC, as well as active involvement in the relevant GCSC graduate research group. PhD fellowship holders must be registered as PhD students at Justus Liebig University and are expected to take up residence in or near Giessen. PhD supervisors from among the GCSC faculty may be chosen by the applicants before or after their admission. There are no tuition fees for doctoral students at JLU, except for an enrolment fee of approximately €200 per semester.

The GCSC encourages applicants who have graduated with excellent marks from their home universities in one of the GCSC's academic subjects* or in cultural studies. Applications from the areas of Medieval and Early Modern History and Literature, Modern and Contemporary History, Art History, Romance Studies, Slavic Studies and Linguistics are especially encouraged. The proposed research project should fit into one of the GCSC's research areas*. Candidates must have fluency in either English or German.

To apply, please complete and submit our online application form (as an attachment via email) and send the following materials by post to the address indicated below:

- a short CV
- copies of all degree certificates
- a research proposal of no more than 10 pages
- a realistic time-plan for the completion of your project
- two references from university teachers
- a copy of the degree/master's thesis
- a printed version of the application form
- two additional copies of the entire application (with exception of the degree thesis)

Applications must be received by **September 1st, 2007**, and should be sent directly to: Director of Graduate Studies
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