

The **International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC) at Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany**, invites international applications for Ph.D. and postdoc fellowships. Due to generous support from the German Research Foundation (DFG), the GCSC can offer in 2008

**up to 10 Ph.D. fellowships and
2 postdoctoral fellowships.**

Ph.D. 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 Ph.D. 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. The postdoctoral fellowship, with a monthly stipend of about €1.500, is limited to two years. All fellowships start on October 1st, 2008.

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. Ph.D. fellowship holders must be registered as Ph.D. students at Justus Liebig University, and all fellowship holders are expected to take up residence in or near Giessen. Ph.D. 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 the arts/humanities, cultural studies or social sciences. Candidates for the post-doctoral fellowship should have an excellent PhD in one of the GCSC's academic subjects* or in arts/humanities, cultural studies or social sciences. 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 (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 for PhD applicants, no more than 20 pages for post-doctoral candidates. All proposals should include a brief abstract summing up your aims and methods, sketch the guiding questions of your project while embedding them in the current academic debate, and show that the dissertation will make an original and important

contribution to the field. The proposal should also clearly indicate how the project connects with the GCSC research profile and outline the source materials that will be used

- a realistic time-plan for the completion of your project
- two references from university teachers
- a copy of the degree/master's thesis (Ph.D. candidates) or the Ph.D. thesis and further publications (Postdoc)
- two additional copies of the entire application (with exception of the degree thesis or Ph.D. thesis)

Applications must be received by **May 2nd, 2008**, and should be sent directly to:
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The selection of candidates will be determined by the academic qualification of the candidates as well as by the quality of the research proposal and suitability of the project to the GCSC research programme. Short-listed candidates will be invited to a 30-minute interview, telephone interviews can be arranged for candidates from overseas.

For further information, please visit our website or contact us at gcsc@uni-giessen.de. On April 7th, the GCSC will host an information day at which potential applicants will be given the opportunity to meet staff and students involved in the programme and to learn more about the academic vision and aims of the Centre, the wide range of interdisciplinary courses, colloquia, conferences, and research support on offer, as well as the international networks and publishing opportunities available to our members.

*) see www.uni-giessen.de/gcsc