



Bremen International
Graduate School of Social Sciences

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) invites applications to its Ph.D. and Post-doc program. The program is funded by the German Excellence Initiative and will commence in September 2008. BIGSSS is an inter-university institute of the University of Bremen (UB) and Jacobs University. BIGSSS builds on the experience and institutional structure of both UB's Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS) and Jacobs' interdisciplinary social-science graduate programs at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) and the Jacobs Center on Lifelong Learning and Institutional Development (JCLL). The program provides close supervision of dissertation work within a demand-tailored education and research framework. BIGSSS is part of an international network of strong graduate programs. It supports its Ph.D. and Post-doc Fellows in achieving early scientific independence, providing funds for conducting, presenting and publishing their research. The language of instruction is English.

Successful applicants for the Ph.D. and Post-doc Fellowships will pursue a topic in one of BIGSSS' five Thematic Fields:

- Global Integration
- Integration and Diversity in the New Europe
- Social Integration and the Welfare State
- Attitude Formation, Value Change, and Intercultural Communication
- Life-Course and Lifespan Dynamics.

21 Ph.D. Stipends/Fellowships

BIGSSS seeks candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in political science, sociology, psychology, law, economics, mass communication or other social science disciplines. We offer Ph.D. stipends of € 1250/month for 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year.

6 - 8 Post-doc Stipends/Fellowships

We seek candidates pursuing English-language publication projects either from their dissertation (by making findings available to an international audience through a book or journal article) or from a new project. Post-doc stipends of € 1500/month may run from 3 to 12 months. The competition is open to candidates who have received a doctorate in political science, sociology, psychology, law, economics, mass communication or other social science disciplines within the last 5 years, or who can be expected to finish prior to commencing their post-doc stay.

More information as well as lists of required application materials can be found at www.bigsss-bremen.de.

Non-German students are strongly encouraged to apply. BIGSSS strives to increase the share of women in the university and hence also strongly encourages women to apply. Applicants with disabilities who are equally qualified will be favored. Applications may be sent until 1 March 2008 to the following address:

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