

## Adjunct PhD Fellowships at BIGSSS

The **Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)** invites applications to its Adjunct PhD program.

BIGSSS is an inter-university institution of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen and is funded by the German Excellence Initiative. BIGSSS is part of an international network of highly acknowledged graduate programs. It supports its doctoral and postdoctoral fellows in achieving early scientific independence and provides funds for the conduct, presentation, and publishing of their research. The language of instruction is English.

The Adjunct PhD Program is offered to doctoral candidates who are supervised by BIGSSS Faculty members and work in the Bremen Social Sciences. Doctoral researchers can apply for the unfunded BIGSSS Adjunct PhD Program from the beginning of their dissertation projects at Bremen. For those who have already started their dissertation projects and would like to become adjunct fellows, an application is also possible. In these cases, the enrollment as Dr. rer. pol. or Dr. phil. will be seen as equivalent to the proposal defense.

In order to meet the demands of both doctoral research and their supervisors in the Bremen Social Sciences, the status of an adjunct fellow provides a low threshold integration into BIGSSS with an easy application process and no mandatory curricular elements.

They are encouraged to participate in the doctoral colloquium as well as in Demand Tailored (Methods and Theory) Seminars and Soft Skill Training Courses.

As an excellent graduate school of Social Sciences, it is our vital interest to ensure a high quality doctoral training program for all of our fellows. Accordingly, the principles of close supervision, quality assurance and progress monitoring that have been successfully developed at BIGSSS shall also pertain to adjunct fellows. Additionally, in order to allow all of our fellows to engage in mutual discussions with other fellows and BIGSSS faculty and staff, English language proficiency at the level of C1 is required. However, the PhD thesis may be written in English or German.

### Application

We seek candidates with innovative, interdisciplinary research topics who are interested in the exchange with other doctoral candidates at BIGSSS. More information and lists of required application materials can be found at <https://www.bigsss-bremen.de/academic-program/adjunct-phd-program/admissions-to-adjunct-phd-program>.

For additional inquiries, please check the online FAQ and feel free to contact our Admissions Officer Monika Liorentaite-Rossdeutscher [admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de) or our Director of Studies Dr. Mandy Boehnke [boehnke@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:boehnke@bigsss-bremen.de).

The Adjunct program will start on September 1st, 2021. Applications must be submitted in one single PDF file via email to [admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de) by June 30th, 2021.