

Affiliated PhD Fellowships at BIGSSS

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

BIGSSS is an inter-university institution of the University of Bremen and Constructor 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.

BIGSSS offers an Affiliated PhD Program to doctoral candidates who work in third-party funded or professorial research projects in the social sciences at the University of Bremen or Constructor University. Affiliated fellows submit their final dissertation proposal developed within the BIGSSS proposal workshop and participate in a Progress Assessment Colloquium at the end of each academic year. They take part in the BIGSSS curriculum with a reduced work load and complete several PhD Milestones.

Affiliated fellows benefit from the BIGSSS' supervisory structure which entails independent supervision by a three-member Dissertation Committee chosen by the fellow in consultation with their Academic Coordinator.

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 affiliated fellows. Also, 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 [Application & Admission \(bigsss-bremen.de\)](https://bigsss-bremen.de/application-admission)

For additional inquiries feel free to contact us at admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de.

The Affiliated program will start on September 1st, 2023. Applications must be submitted in one single PDF file via email to admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de by May 31st, 2023.