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*Call for applications for grants and places in our doctoral programme, deadline: 31 January, 2018*

The Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies will admit up to ten PhD students to its doctoral programme, which is to begin on 1 October 2018. The Graduate School is a joint project of Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, which brings together scholars in the humanities, social sciences, and area studies.

The Graduate School investigates the plurality, changeability, and global connectedness of Muslim cultures and societies. Applications with a focus on strategies of negotiating diversity, difference, and distinction, both among Muslims and between Muslims and non-Muslims are especially encouraged. Successful applicants will have a master's degree in one of the disciplines represented at the Graduate School (Arabic Studies, Central Asian Studies, History, History of Islamic Art, Human Geography, Islamic Studies, Political Science, Semitic Studies, Social and Cultural Anthropology, South and Southeast Asian Studies, Southeast European History), with a ranking, where applicable, of above average. Our language of instruction and communication is English.

The application package includes the following documents:

- Completed and signed application form;
- Outline of the dissertation project (up to 6 pages, with a brief summary);
- Curriculum vitae;
- Certified copies of degrees received;
- Proof of proficiency in English (native speakers of English or applicants who have graduated from an English-speaking university in a country with English as an official language are exempt from this verification);
- Evidence of proficiency in the language(s) relevant to the dissertation project;
- Two letters of recommendation must be emailed by the applicant's referees directly to BGSMCS as signed electronic letters.

Three scholarships for candidates in history and cultural studies will be funded by Gerda Henkel Stiftung. Two further positions for PhD students with Chinese citizenship are available through the cooperation of the Chinese Scholarship Council and Freie Universität Berlin's Beijing Office (FU-CSC PhD Scholarship). Funding for more scholarships is currently pending approval. Candidates with a fellowship or grant by a third party are also encouraged to apply. If admitted, they will be full members of the Graduate School with access to all services offered by the School's administration and the Dahlem Research School. All doctoral researchers admitted to the Graduate School will receive a travel allowance. Their first supervisors must be Principal Investigators at the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies.

Applications will be reviewed by the School's Admissions and Grants Committee, and interviews will be scheduled in early May 2018.

The complete application package must be submitted, compiled into **one PDF file**, to [application@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de](mailto:application@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de) by **31 January 2018, 12pm Central European Time**. The Admissions and Grants committee will not consider incomplete applications. For further information, please refer to our Guidelines for Application to the PhD Programme or send us an Email to [application@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de](mailto:application@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de). No legal entitlement shall be constituted by applying to the programme. Reasons for rejections will not be disclosed.