



Bremen International
Graduate School of Social Sciences

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) invites applications to its Ph.D. program. BIGSSS is an inter-university institute of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen and is funded by the German Excellence Initiative. The program provides close supervision of dissertation work within a demand-tailored education and research framework. Fellows are expected to choose Bremen as their place of residence. 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.

Successful applicants will pursue a topic in one of BIGSSS' three Thematic Fields:

- Global Governance and Regional Integration
- Welfare State, Inequality, and Quality of Life
- Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

12 – 15 Ph.D. Stipends/Fellowships

BIGSSS seeks candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in political science, sociology, or psychology. Applicants with a degree in related social science disciplines are also welcome. We offer Ph.D. stipends of € 1300/month for 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year.

2 Postdoctoral Positions

We seek candidates pursuing English-language publication projects based either on their dissertations or new research. Postdoctoral positions are paid in line with TVL E13 and may be taken up for a period between 6 and 24 months. The competition is open to candidates who have received a doctorate in political science, sociology, psychology, or related social science disciplines within the last three years. Applicants need to have graduated prior to commencing their postdoctoral stay.

1-2 Predoctoral Fellowships for Graduates of Bachelor Programs

Additionally, BIGSSS offers up to two stipends of € 800/month for particularly talented BA or BSc graduates. After fulfilling some course requirements and having their proposals accepted within the first year, candidates can switch into the regular three year program.

More information as well as lists of required application materials can be found at www.bigsss-bremen.de. For additional inquiries, please check the online FAQ and feel free to contact our admissions officer at admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de.

Ph.D. fellowships will start on September 1, 2015. 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 must be submitted online under "Admissions" at www.bigsss-bremen.de until February 15, 2015.



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