

Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies

Request for Research Proposals



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The BERLIN PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED GERMAN AND EUROPEAN STUDIES offers up to one year of research support at the Freie Universität Berlin. It is open to scholars in all social science and humanities disciplines, including historians working on modern and contemporary German and European history. The program accepts applications from U.S. and Canadian nationals or permanent residents. Applicants for a dissertation fellowship must be full-time graduate students enrolled at a North American university who have completed all coursework required for the Ph.D. and must have achieved ABD (all but dissertation) status by the time the proposed research stay in Berlin begins. Also eligible are U.S. and Canadian Ph.D.s who have received their doctorates within the past two calendar years.

Following a model usually reserved for senior researchers at institutes of advanced study, the Berlin Program is a residential program which combines research opportunities with intellectual and cultural interaction. An integral part of the program is a biweekly interdisciplinary colloquium guided by distinguished professors each semester where Fellows present their work. Moreover, the program colloquium seeks to address current German public debates, invites distinguished guests and arranges cultural excursions.

The Berlin Program is based at, funded and administered by the Freie Universität Berlin, one of the nation's leading research universities and one of nine winners in three categories of the EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE, a national competition for excellence in higher education. Fellows will be enrolled at the Freie Universität Berlin, enjoying library privileges and access to all services.

The program's publicity and selection process is organized in cooperation with our North American partner, the German Studies Association (GSA).

Application Receipt Deadline: December 1

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