



## PhD Program between the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC)

### Open PhD position at FUB for CSC scholarship candidates 2018

*Please note: the PhD position is only offered to Chinese PhD candidates for application in the framework of the FUB-CSC PhD Program.*

<b><u>Department/Institute:</u></b>	Department of Education and Psychology
<b><u>Subject area:</u></b>	Health Psychology
<b><u>Name of Supervisor:</u></b>	Prof. Dr. Ralf Schwarzer
<b><u>Number of open PhD positions:</u></b>	3
<b><u>Type of the PhD Study:</u></b>	Sandwich-Model
<b><u>Project title:</u></b>	

#### **PhD Project description:**

In health behavior change research, several psychological constructs have been found important such as self-efficacy, planning, action control, outcome expectancies, risk perception, and behavioral intentions (motivation). Our research group develops theory and practice with the aim to improve study participants' health behaviors, self-efficacy, planning, and action control. Intervention studies on smoking, alcohol consumption, oral hygiene, physical activity, dietary habits, sunscreen use, seatbelt use, vaccination, dust mask wearing, or hand hygiene can be designed with delivery modes such as electronic devices (smartphones). The task for doctoral students would be to develop apps first in English, then translate them into Mandarin or Cantonese, and to recruit study participants in China who take part in the evaluation of the program. Alternatively, paper-pencil interventions instead of digital interventions are also possible, if the latter are too demanding to produce. Results will be documented by 3-4 journal articles in English which constitutes the dissertation.

#### **Language requirements:**

IELTS: 6.5 or TOEFL: 95 ibt.

#### **Academic requirements:**

Required is a Master's Degree in Psychology or Health Sciences. Applicants should have a good background in research methodology, statistics (preferably software skills in Microsoft Office, MPLUS or AMOS, or multilevel modeling). An academic network in China is useful to allow for data collection in China.

#### **Information of the professor or research group leader:**

Mr. Ralf Schwarzer is professor of psychology with a main research focus on health behavior change. All information about him is at the website <http://my.psyc.de>

**Please note:** In a first step, the complete application must be submitted to the Beijing Office for evaluation by January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please do not contact the professor before. He/She will get in contact with you after having received the complete application via the Beijing Office in January.