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

Open PhD Position at Freie Universität Berlin, offered only to Chinese CSC scholarship candidates 2019

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

Department/Institute: Department of Political and Social Sciences at Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies – Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS)

Subject area: Global and Transregional Studies

Name of Supervisor: various

Number of open PhD positions: 2

Type of the PhD Study: Full-time

Project title: Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies

PhD Project description:

The Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS) is the full-time PhD programme of the Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)” at Freie Universität Berlin and will be inaugurated in January 2019. The BGTS builds on the successful programme of the Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS) that will be integrated into the new programme. The BGTS offers a rigorous and dynamic English-language PhD programme for exceptionally talented graduate students in the field of global and transregional connections, bringing together a broad spectrum of disciplines, from the social sciences to area studies to history. Find out more about SCRIPTS’s overall research concept [here](#).

The three-year English language doctoral programme provides state-of-the-art survey classes, solid training in research methods and research design, soft skills courses, and individualised supervision. The programme focusses on contemporary controversies about liberal orders from a historical, global, and comparative perspective. It is particularly interested in global and transregional processes analysed by social science methods. Research at the BGTS focuses on the structures, risks, and chances of cross-regional interaction at various levels.

Language requirements:

Proof of C1-level English language skills or the equivalent
- IELTS: 8.0
- TOEFL PBT: 603/677
- TOEFL CBT: 263/300
- TOEFL IBT: 110/120
- TOEIC: 785
**Academic requirements:**

Admission to the programme is open to graduates of master's programmes in the social sciences and adjacent fields.

To apply to BGTS you must submit:

- An exceptionally strong completed postgraduate (master's) degree qualifying for PhD studies in political science, international relations, sociology, economics, law, or related disciplines
- Proof of C1-level English language skills or the equivalent
- An up-to-date CV
- A short letter of motivation (600 words maximum)
- A research proposal (5,000 words maximum) with a timetable for your project
- Two letters of reference from professors at universities or research institutions

**Information of the professor or research group leader (website, awards etc.):**


**Please Note:** In a first step, the complete application should be submitted to the Beijing Office for evaluation by January 4th, 2019. Please do not contact the Graduate School before. He/she will get in contact with you after having received the complete application via the Beijing Office in January.