



The Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

funded by the Excellence Initiative of the German Federal and State Governments will admit up to fifteen PhD students to its doctoral programme to begin October 1st 2013. Up to ten of these candidates will receive a Graduate School grant; the other candidates will be supported in their quest for funding.

The Graduate School investigates the plurality, changeability, and global connectedness of Muslim cultures and societies. It invites applications from candidates whose dissertation project fits one of the Graduate School's Research Areas. Applications in the fields of education, communication, mediality, and media studies, and Islam and Muslims in the West are especially encouraged. Successful applicants will have a master's degree in one of the disciplines represented at the Graduate School, with a ranking, where applicable, of above average. The language of communication is English. Admission is for one year, and, contingent upon a positive evaluation after the first year of study, will be extended for another twelve months. Admission and grant can be extended for a total of three years.

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The application package needs to include the following documents: a completed and signed application form; an outline of the dissertation project (up to 6 pages, with a brief summary); a 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 have to be sent by the referees directly to BGS MCS via e-mail as signed electronic letters. Holders of PhD scholarships that were awarded on the basis of academic references for the same project with which applicants apply to the Graduate School can submit copies of these references.

Applications will be reviewed by the School's Admissions and Grants Committee.

The complete application package must be submitted, compiled to **one** pdf file, by **November 30th 2012**, to: application@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de

For further information, please contact the Graduate School's office at application@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de