



St Petersburg
State University



PhD Fellowship Programme of the Center for German and European Studies*

1. The Programme goal:

Programme is to provide support to PhD students of St Petersburg universities at the early stages of their scientific careers allowing them to focus on their research work for 1-3 years (as long as they are PhD students), whose dissertations are related to German and European studies, imply field research in Europe and fall into one of main CGES research areas (further information: <http://www.zdes.spbu.ru/en/research/research-areas>):

- 1.1. **Network Structures in Germany, Europe and Russia** (CGES coordinator: Dr. Nikita Basov, St Petersburg State University);
- 1.2. **Creativity, Communities and Public Spaces of European and Russian Cities** (CGES coordinator: Dr. Nikita Basov, St Petersburg State University);
- 1.3. **Civil Society and Participation in Europe and Russia** (CGES coordinator: Dr. Elena Belokurova, St Petersburg State University – European University at St Petersburg);
- 1.4. **Europe in the World** (CGES coordinator: Prof. Dr. Andreas Vasilache, Bielefeld University).

2. Programme year starting date:

November 1.

3. Selection:

Applications are selected by the Steering Committee consisting of CGES Russian and German directors, CGES scientific manager and CGES research areas coordinators:

- 3.1. first selection stage: applications are reviewed and short list of applicants is formed by the Steering Committee;
- 3.2. second selection stage: applicants from the short list present their PhD projects and are interviewed by the Steering Committee, and the final selection is made.

4. Requirements to applicants:

Applicants are to have MA or Specialist in social sciences and on the year of application to the Programme, are to be accepted to one of St. Petersburg universities as PhD students ('aspirants'), or work on dissertation to obtain the degree "Doctor of Sciences/PhD of St. Petersburg State University" within 1-3 years.

5. PhD advisor:

Participation of PhD students ('aspirants') in the Programme is possible exclusively under condition the PhD advisor at home university supports it. PhD advisor at home university plays the major role in PhD dissertation preparation and supports the Fellow in all the relevant administrative processes at his/her home university.

6. Application portfolio:

Applications for participation in the Programme must include the following documents, submitted in electronic form via e-mail:

- 6.1. Curriculum Vitae (in English) containing complete lists of scientific publications, presentations at scientific events, and participation in research projects;
- 6.2. Plan of PhD project (in English, up to 5 pages long) for the whole period of study (1-3 years), including the contents (theory and methodology, research questions, field research and data analysis techniques), schedule of work on the dissertation, description of participation in research projects (if planned), presentations and publications plan;
- 6.3. A copy of MA/Specialist diploma;
- 6.4. A copy of MA/Specialist thesis;

- 6.5. Copies of 5 selected scientific publications;
- 6.6. A motivation letter (in English), where the main project research question is linked to applicant's research development;
- 6.7. Document approving acceptance to one of St. Petersburg universities as a PhD student (for PhD students);
- 6.8. A letter (in English) from PhD advisor characterizing the applicant and expressing support of his/her participation in Programme (for PhD students).

7. Grants:

Fellows start getting monthly grants of 500 EUR for the period of one year and get allocated a 1000 EUR personal travel fund for one year, with possibility of prolongation for maximum 2 additional years based on decision of the Steering Committee at the end of each year according to the results of Fellows annual assessment.

8. Work place:

Fellows get a work place in CGES office at St Petersburg, access to CGES and SPbSU libraries, receive organizational, information (within CGES newsletter and social media news, as well as individually) and advisory support.

9. CGES consultant:

During first month of the fellowship Steering Committee assigns each of the fellows a scientific consultant from CGES research areas coordinators, MA SES Programme teachers, or CGES affiliated researchers. CGES scientific advisor gives consultations with regard to the demands of CGES points system, recommends particular events and projects to the Fellow to participate in, gives recommendations on field research in Europe and collaboration with colleagues in Europe, consult on international publications preparation, consults on preparation for the CGES assessment meeting.

10. Responsibilities:

During the period of fellowship the Fellows – in consultation with their advisors and CGES scientific manager – are expected to:

- 10.1. Work on their dissertations;
- 10.2. Present their research at international scientific events;
- 10.3. Participate in CGES research within main CGES research areas according to assignment by CGES Scientific manager, and (optionally) other research projects;
- 10.4. Conduct field research in Europe;
- 10.5. Participate in organizing CGES events (conferences, seminars, workshops etc.) according to assignment by CGES Scientific manager;
- 10.6. Participate in organizing research practices of MA SES students according to assignment by the Head of MA SES;
- 10.7. Publish results of their research in Russian and international journals, books and conference proceedings;
- 10.8. Present their PhD project progress (including assessment points collection progress at annual CGES PhD Programme meetings in December. The oral reports are to be supplemented with written reports describing the progress (up to 5 pages) and having attached the available certificates, copies of publications and other proofs of points earned;
- 10.9. Present their PhD project progress (including assessment points collection progress at annual assessment meeting in June);
- 10.10. Pass all necessary examinations and studies at their universities.

A list of activities in St. Petersburg, Bielefeld, Germany and Europe provided by CGES itself and its partners can be found below.

Some of the activities available to Fellows provided by CGES and partners

In St. Petersburg:

- Participation in the PhD Programme introductory days to get acquainted with the opportunities provided by CGES for the graduate program grantees in St. Petersburg, Bielefeld and Europe;
- Performing individual tasks within CGES international research projects within key CGES research areas;
- Presentations of PhD project progress at annual CGES PhD Programme meetings in December;
- Presentations of PhD project progress at annual CGES assessment meeting in June;
- Participation in the research workshops within current CGES research projects and other relevant workshops in St. Petersburg;
- Participation in CGES contests of scientific papers for MA and PhD students;
- Participation in CGES methodological workshops;
- Participation in the *Scientific Environment* seminar co-organized by CGES at the Faculty of Sociology of St Petersburg State University;
- Organization of workshops / seminars on the topics of own dissertation research, supported by CGES;
- Participation in CGES annual conferences and other relevant conferences in St. Petersburg State University;
- Publications in CGES working papers;
- Papers publications in the *Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology* and *St. Petersburg State University Reviews* (of Sociology, Economics, Management, Psychology, etc.);
- Chapters publications in collective monographs and collections of papers published by CGES;
- Attending CGES public lectures.

More information on different CGES activities can be found at <http://www.zdes.spbu.ru>.

In Bielefeld¹

- Participation in the Annual Seminar in History and Sociology which is organized by the “Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS)” and brings international scholars to Bielefeld <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/programm/ansem/index.html>
- Organization of international and interdisciplinary workshops at the University of Bielefeld with support of CGES <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/programm/workshops/index.html>
- Attending courses on theory and methods and research seminars offered by the faculties of Sociology, History, Political Science and Social Anthropology in German and English <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/wir/forschung/felder.html>
http://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/kvv_publ/publ/Studiengang_Vorlesungsverzeichnis.jsp;jsessionid=75479EFEFBF3B9DA895D19E403CC0EC6.publ_ekvvb?id=7312287&lang=en
- Membership in Research Training Groups - *RTG From Heterogeneities to Social Inequalities*, *RTG World Society*, located in BGHS <http://www.sfb882.uni-bielefeld.de/en/projects>; [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/soz/iw/graduierntenkolleg/](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/soz/iw/graduierntenkolleg/)
- Responding to calls of the BGHS for positions, fellowships, etc. Examples available at: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/bewerbung>
- Papers publications in the peer-reviewed journal “InterDisciplines – Journal of History and Sociology” (international journal of the BGHS, in particular for PhD-candidates) http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/von_uns/interdis.html
- Participation in the seminars offered by the Department of Teaching, Learning and Student Counseling (SL_K5) dedicated to the process “from research to writing” of the PhD dissertation https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/Universitaet/Studium/SL_K5/
- Participation in the seminars of the program PEP (Personal development for researchers and teachers) focused on the preparation of defense and the publication of the PhD thesis <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/pep/>

¹ During the 3 years of fellowship one long-term (4-6 months) stay in Bielefeld is advisable (preferably 2nd year). Otherwise, two shorter (1-2 months) stays are possible.

- Participation in the seminars mentoring program Movement, the Career Service and the Service Center for young scientists, devoted to the early planning of career opportunities in Germany for the period after graduation
<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/mentoring/movement/index.html>
- Participation in the activities and initiatives (such as, for example, the Summer School) offered in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus PhD program GEM “Globalization, the European Union and Multilateralism” (these activities will be available in 2014 and 2015)
<http://www.erasmusmundus-gem.eu/>: this is the general webpage
Each year different activities are organized.
- Participation in the activities and initiatives (conferences/workshops) offered in the framework of the research project “Exploring Patterns of Regional and Interregional Cooperation: Central Asia, its Neighboring Countries, and Europe”
http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/fbz/zentren/zeu/Forsch/forschungsprojekte/CACOOOP/view?set_language=de
(webpage only in German) (these activities will be available in 2014 and 2015)

In Germany and Europe

- Research stays in Germany and Europe (tasks within CGES research projects and grants awarded annually in the form of an open competition);
- Conferences in Germany and Europe (trips funded from the individual travel scholarships allocated to CGES Graduate Programme fellows);
- Research workshops on current CGES research projects;
- International programmes for PhD students, including the initiatives (events, lecture and research trips) organized by DAAD exclusively for participants of PhD programmes of Centers for German and European studies worldwide (the full list of DAAD funded programmes can be found here: <https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-finding-scholarships/>).