

## Call for applications: Doctoral scholarships for outstanding young researchers

The Graduate School “Human Development in Landscapes” at Kiel University, Germany ([www.gshdl.de](http://www.gshdl.de)) offers a unique research environment positioned at the interface of the Humanities, the Natural and the Social Sciences.

Research at the Graduate School addresses interactions between physical and social landscapes in past worlds, and examines how past landscapes serve as a dynamic arena that catalyzes human activity in space and time. In particular, the Graduate School focuses on the role of environment, social relationships, material culture, subsistence, population dynamics, and human perceptions in promoting change in ancient societies and landscapes. The Graduate School addresses this interaction at multiple timescales and seeks scholars who are developing novel ways to approach some of the recent challenges by using their research on ancient worlds. Some of these challenges include, but certainly are not limited to, the emergence of social differentiation, mobility in societies, the early spread of disease, the impact of new technologies on past societies, and ideologies/ human perceptions of and responses to past environmental, climate, and social change. The Graduate School actively encourages applicants from diverse disciplinary backgrounds and welcomes the development of extensive theoretical frameworks to support the empirical/applied work. The Graduate School has been granted funding by the German Excellence Initiative. Its sustainable development is ensured by the Johanna Mestorf Academy as a central institution of Kiel University.

We invite applications for:

### 5 PhD scholarships

(to begin as soon as possible).

The initial scholarships are granted for two years with the prospect of being extended for a third year. A monthly scholarship grant currently amounts to 1450€. All scholarship holders can apply for research funds from the Graduate School.

We are seeking highly qualified and motivated doctoral fellows to conduct high-quality interdisciplinary research. Eligible candidates must hold an outstanding university degree (MA, MSc or equivalent) in a field relevant to the multidisciplinary theme of “Human Development in Landscapes”. The graduate program is jointly offered by academics of the Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social and Life Sciences. Thus, the Graduate School fosters the formation of interdisciplinary PhD teams. The scholarship holders are affiliated with the Johanna Mestorf Academy at Kiel University ([www.jma.uni-kiel.de](http://www.jma.uni-kiel.de)). Innovative research ideas are supported by the extensive infrastructure and graduate centre at Kiel University. Supervision will be provided at an interfaculty level.

Candidates are invited to submit proposals for PhD research projects addressing one or more of the following general themes of the Graduate School: “Society and Reflection”, “Social Space and Landscapes”, “Adaptation and Innovation”. The applications should fit to the foci of the Clusters. Before submitting an application, candidates are strongly encouraged to contact potential supervisors within the GS to find out whether their proposed project fits into the research foci of the Graduate School. The result of this inquiry should be mentioned in the application.

Applications in English, including an outline of the proposed PhD research project (max. 8 pages), a curriculum vitae, copies of credentials, proof of English proficiency, and two letters of reference, must be submitted **until December 31, 2017** (date of post stamp).

Applications should be sent as a hardcopy and one single PDF file  
to the coordinator of the Graduate School:  
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