Call for Applications

Augsburg-Munich International Doctorate Program

Rethinking Environment: The Environmental Humanities and the Ecological Transformation of Society

Deadline: April 15, 2021

The University of Augsburg and the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich invite applications for

12 Doctoral Positions

in their new International Doctorate Program (IDK) funded by the Elite Network of Bavaria.

Based at the Environmental Science Center WZU (Augsburg) and the Rachel Carson Center (Munich), the program offers a unique opportunity to pursue a PhD degree under the supervision of faculty from both universities: each doctoral student will be supervised by an interdisciplinary team. Participating disciplines include American Studies, Anthropology, Didactics of Geography, Economics, Environmental Ethics, Environmental Health Sciences, Environmental Humanities, Environmental Philosophy, History, Human Geography, Iberian & Latin American Studies, Science and Technology Studies, and Theology. Languages are English and German. The program is continuously supported by international guest professors, experienced practitioners, and creative artists/writers whose work focuses on environmental topics.

We offer positions (65%, TVL-13) to twelve doctoral students for a period of three years who want to explore the topic of the IDK from an interdisciplinary perspective. Possible topics can be found on the IDK website. In addition to these funded positions, there is a limited number of non-funded doctoral affiliations ("Promotionsplätze") available for candidates who have already obtained external PhD funding. The IDK starts on October 1, 2021.

We welcome applications from all participating disciplines and particularly encourage interdisciplinary proposals. Applicants must have a completed degree (M.A., M.Sc. or equivalent) with above average grades in one of the participating disciplines. Submissions should include the online application form (available from our website), a letter of motivation (400 words max.), a short CV (max. 2 pages), a PhD proposal (max. 1800 words, including abstract and timeline), copies of your university degree(s), a recent publication (e.g. peer-reviewed article, book chapter), or your final thesis if applicable. The application may be written in either English or German. Please make sure to send all documents and certificates electronically as a single pdf file (up to 8 MB).

Applicants are expected to speak either German or English fluently upon entering the program. If you have no knowledge of one of them, you are expected to acquire basic skills in that language during the first year of the program (both universities offer language courses).

Reflecting the participating universities' commitment to excellence, we seek to increase the diversity of our doctoral student body to support this objective and particularly encourage applicants from underrepresented groups and regions. We especially welcome applications from qualified women. Our Universities stand up for compatibility of family and professional life. For more information, please contact our women's representative offices This position is suitable for the severely disabled. In the case of equally qualified candidates, applicants with disabilities will be given preference.

Please upload your application (in one PDF file) by April 15, 2021 via our application form at

https://www.uni-augsburg.de/en/forschung/einrichtungen/institute/wzu/studium-/idk/application/

After a first round of review, preselected candidates will be invited for individual interviews. Given Corona-restrictions, these may or may not happen in person.

Further information on the application process and our doctoral program can be obtained at

https://www.uni-augsburg.de/de/forschung/einrichtungen/institute/wzu/studium/idk/

https://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/graduate_programms/idk/index.html

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