

University of Greifswald

## **10 DFG-funded doctoral research studentships**

### **International Research Training Group "Baltic Borderlands: Shifting Boundaries of Mind and Culture in the Borderlands of the Baltic Sea Region"**

**Starting date:** 1st January 2010 (subject to approval from the DFG)

**Value of the studentship:** € 13,236 p.a. (consisting of monthly: € 1,000 maintenance grant plus a € 103 grant for books and other materials).

The studentship will be awarded for two years initially, and can be extended for a further year after review.

**Closing date for applications:** 4th November 2009

The University of Greifswald has received funding from the German Research Foundation (DFG) for the International Research Training Group "Baltic Borderlands: Shifting Boundaries of Mind and Culture in the Borderlands of the Baltic Sea Region" and now invites applications from well-qualified candidates for one of ten PhD studentships.

The International Research Training Group was initiated by the University of Greifswald, the University of Lund (Sweden), and the University of Tartu (Estonia) to provide a common programme for doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers. Around 20 PhD studentships and 5 post-doctoral positions will be awarded in Greifswald, Lund and Tartu during the first three-year cycle. In Greifswald, the subject areas offered are history, Baltic and Slavonic Languages and Literature, psychology, political science, and systematic theology. The complementary disciplines of ethnology, geography, and communication studies are offered in Lund and Tartu.

Applications are invited from candidates willing to conduct research relating to one of the following themes:

1. The emergence and transformation of historical borderlands
2. The cultural contexts of cross-border action in borderland areas
3. The economic permeability and persistence of borders
4. New border regimes: The political dimension of border formation and dissolution
5. The theorisation of synchronic and diachronic processes of change

The programme of study within the International Research Training Group includes relevant courses held locally at each university as well as tri-national workshops in Greifswald, Lund and Tartu. Furthermore, it is expected that each PhD student will spend time as a visiting researcher at the partner universities. The costs of such research visits will be covered by a mobility grant awarded in addition to the monthly allowance.

## Requirements:

- applicants should hold a good first degree and normally have, or be about to obtain, a Masters qualification in a discipline relevant to the PhD topic.
- exposé for a research proposal relating to one of the five themes of research (max. 10 pages)
- good written and spoken English. Knowledge of German, Estonian or Swedish is desirable but not essential.

The willingness and ability of the candidate to participate actively in an international research programme is a precondition. The programme of study is compulsory for all PhD students in the International Research Training Group. The University of Greifswald is committed to increasing the share of women and disabled people within the organisation. Women and disabled people are explicitly invited to apply.

Holders of a studentship are expected to take up residence in Greifswald.

Applications (with curriculum vitae, copies of educational qualifications and degree thesis, list of publications, a written reference from a university professor, and a research proposal) should be sent to the speaker of the International Research Training Group, Professor Dr. Michael North by 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

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