

## Up to 3 Postdoctoral Positions & 2 PhD Fellowships

The **Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)** invites applications to its Postdoctoral and Ph.D. program. BIGSSS is an inter-university institute of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen and is funded by the German Excellence Initiative.

BIGSSS is part of an international network of highly acknowledged graduate programs. It supports its doctoral and postdoctoral fellows in achieving early scientific independence and provides funds for the conduct, presentation, and publishing of their research. The language of instruction is English. Fellows are expected to choose Bremen as their place of residence.

### Up to three Postdoctoral Positions

BIGSSS offers up to three postdoctoral positions. The BIGSSS Postdoc Program provides Postdocs with the opportunity, resources, and support to

- present their research at international conferences and build up international networks,
- disseminate their research finding in scientific publication outlets
- write grant proposals,
- organize a conference or workshop,
- teach and supervise,
- participate in transferable skills training (e.g., didactics, media, career) and establish a mentoring relationship with senior faculty.

BIGSSS expects their Postdocs to

- engage with the BIGSSS PhD-fellows (discussion, mentoring, supervision),
- actively participate in BIGSSS courses (doctoral colloquium, lecture series) as well as academic and social events,
- produce a significant scientific output (e.g. to publish a journal article or book, write a grant proposal, organize a conference or workshop).

Postdoctoral positions are paid in line with TV-L E13 and may be taken up for a period up to 24 months. We expect our candidates to conduct English-language research projects and to have full professional proficiency. Competition is open to candidates who have received a doctorate in political science, sociology, psychology, or related social science disciplines within the last three years. Applicants need to have graduated prior to commencing their postdoctoral stay and have to apply to one of BIGSSS' three Thematic Fields:

- A. Global Governance and Regional Integration
- B. Welfare State, Inequality, and Quality of Life
- C. Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

### Two Ph.D. Stipends/Fellowships

BIGSSS offers two fellow positions in its Ph.D. program. Successful applicants will pursue a topic in BIGSSS' Thematic Field:

- C. Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

We seek candidates with innovative, interdisciplinary research topics who are interested in the interplay of individual attitudes, capabilities, and behavior with changing demographics, cultures, and institutions. BIGSSS seeks candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in psychology, sociology,

political science, or a related social science discipline. We offer Ph.D. stipends of € 1300/month for 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year.

### **Application**

More information and lists of required application materials can be found at [www.bigsss-bremen.de](http://www.bigsss-bremen.de). For additional inquiries, please check the online FAQ and feel free to contact our Admissions Officer at [admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de).

Postdoctoral positions and Ph.D. fellowships will start on September 1, 2017. Non-German students are strongly encouraged to apply. As an equal opportunity employer, BIGSSS particularly encourages applications from women and persons with disabilities.

Applications must be submitted online at <https://admissions.bigsss-bremen.de> until January 31, 2017.