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CALL FOR PROPOSALS INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS IN COOPERATION WITH PARTNER UNIVERSITIES FROM ASIA, EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA

Heidelberg University is strongly committed to fostering the training and internationality of doctoral students. In the context of the University's global cooperation strategy, the Graduate Academy and the Office for International Relations jointly **call for proposals for a one- to three-week summer school in 2018 for about 20 doctoral students.**

GOAL

The aim of this programme is to strengthen Heidelberg University's collaborations with renowned international partner institutions, to create academic ties among Europe, Latin America, and Asia and to promote networks of young researchers from these regions. Fostering the careers of excellent doctoral students towards supporting their early scientific independence takes centre stage. To this end, the summer school should provide scope for developing new project ideas, for creativity and for networking with peers and internationally-renowned experts alike.

SCOPE

The heiDOCS programme will provide funding of up to € 100,000 to cover the full costs of the event including travel, food and accommodation for the doctoral students and the instructors as well any further expenses associated with rent, course materials, student assistants, excursions etc. and the fee for PR activities in collaboration with the Rectorate's Stabstelle Kommunikation und Marketing.

TOPIC

Suitable topics for the international summer school will have a strong interdisciplinary orientation and will be embedded in one of the four "Fields of Focus" of the University's institutional strategy. The clearly-defined scholarly issue addressed by the summer school will be related to one of the central challenges faced by present-day society and should stimulate project ideas and future collaborations that extend beyond the time frame of the summer school.

NETWORKS

Two geographic options are possible:

Europe – Latin America: participants from Europe and Latin America; venue: Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg (IWH) or Heidelberg Center Latin America (HCLA) in Santiago de Chile.

Europe – Latin America – Asia: participants from Europe, Latin America and Asia; venue: IWH, HCLA, Heidelberg Center South Asia (HCSA) in New Delhi or Heidelberg University Office in Kyoto.



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PARTNERS

Renowned universities in the target regions to which Heidelberg University already has strong links should be selected as partners in this programme, for example:

- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Universidad de Chile, Universidade de Sao Paulo, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- Kyoto University, Osaka University, Tohoku University, University of Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Hyderabad, Tsinghua University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Beijing University, National Taiwan University
- Universities in the European networks LERU and Coimbra Group.

PARTICIPANTS

Outstanding doctoral students at selected leading universities in the regions specified above are eligible to participate. If other qualifications are equal, priority should be given to applicants from universities with strong cooperative links to Heidelberg University. Similarly, excellent (junior) researchers from Heidelberg University as well as outstanding external experts, preferably also from the universities specified above, should be invited to act as instructors.

Applications for funding should be submitted by e-mail (summerschool@uni-heidelberg.de) by **June 30, 2017**. Proposals may opt for a summer or a winter school to take place at any time during the year 2018.

A complete application (maximum 5 pages) will consist of:

1. a **topic proposal** that includes a description of the topic as well as its relevance to the goals of the programme as outlined above
2. a **proposed date, duration and venue**
3. a short **draft of the programme** (in tabular form)
4. a list of instructors from **Heidelberg University**
5. a preliminary list of preferred **partner institutions** (as far as possible at this time)
6. a preliminary list of **external experts** & (if applicable) **local cooperation partners**

The review and selection of the applications will be carried out by a committee under the auspices of the Rector.

For any content-related questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Helke Hillebrand, Administrative Director of the Graduate Academy (tel. 06221/54-19760); for any questions with respect to international affairs, please contact Dr. Joachim Gerke, Head of the International Relations Division (tel. 06221/ 54-12700).