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The Graduate School for Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Heidelberg invites applications for

## **Graduate Membership.**

We are looking for highly motivated, excellent PhD students with a strong interest in interdisciplinary research.

The Graduate School (<http://www.hggs.uni-heidelberg.de/index-eng.html>) is an integral component of the interdisciplinary research in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Heidelberg. Its aim is to foster the productive use of existent cross- and interdisciplinary research at the University of Heidelberg and to promote innovative, interdisciplinary research projects in these areas. Thematically, the research projects should contribute to the Field of Focus 3, "Cultural dynamics in globalized worlds", and/or Field of Focus 4, "Self-regulation and regulation: individuals and organizations" ([http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/forschung/profil/fields\\_of\\_focus](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/forschung/profil/fields_of_focus)).

The prestigious Graduate School offers a dynamic and collaborative research and study environment with an excellent national and international network. Successful applicants will benefit from a structured graduate programme with a large selection of core seminars and other courses in English and German. The PhD positions do not entail scholarships and are intended for national and international applicants with external funding. The graduate membership has a duration of three years, starting on or after 19 October 2015.

Applicants must hold an M.A. or equivalent in one of the disciplines of the Humanities and Social Sciences with an above-average grade (at least 1.7, 5.5, B+, 2+, "magna cum laude", or similar). The transcript has to indicate at least four years of study at the university level. Excellent knowledge of English or German, in addition to a further language, is expected. Knowledge of German can be acquired or improved during the first year of the programme.

Applicants are expected to contact a potential supervisor in Heidelberg in order to discuss their research plans and to obtain his or her supervision agreement. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to present their projects to the Selection Committee at an interview in Heidelberg or via Skype on 15 October 2015.

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**Application and required documents:**

- a) Letter of intention, with a brief description of the qualifications, academic objectives and the research project (max. 2 pages)
- b) CV with information about the academic career, achieved grades, research projects and research experience
- c) Project description of max. 5 pages in German or English (including research plans and objectives, critical approach, data, methods, theoretical focus)
- d) Timescale for the research project
- e) Transcripts
- f) Two letters of recommendation
- g) Written supervision agreement by a Professor or PD at Heidelberg University

Applications must be submitted electronically as **ONE** PDF file to the Coordinator of the HGGS:

Dr. Astrid Wind

E-Mail: [astrid.wind@hggs.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:astrid.wind@hggs.uni-heidelberg.de)

**Please note:**

The PDF document should be submitted in this format:

(*your*) NAME\_FirstName\_HGGS2015.pdf

Your referees may email their letters to: [astrid.wind@hggs.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:astrid.wind@hggs.uni-heidelberg.de)

The deadline for the submission of all documents is **1 September 2015**.

The University of Heidelberg has particular interest in supporting women and encourages them to apply for the announced positions. Applications from disabled candidates with equal qualifications will be given preference.