

The Research Training Group “Transnational Social Support”, financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation), will award:

1 Doctoral Scholarship (University of Mainz)

starting at the earliest date

The Research Training Group (RTG) is located at the University of Hildesheim Foundation (Faculty of Education and Social Sciences) and the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz (Institute of Social Work and Education), both Germany. It pursues the theoretical and empirical study of transnational forms and processes of social support. Detailed information of the RTG's principal research areas can be found online at: www.transnationalsupport.de.

Applicants for a doctoral scholarship require a university degree (MA) in Social Work, Education, Social Sciences, Law or Psychology and an exceptional track record of academic accomplishment. Applicants need to be familiar with the subject of the RTG, possess relevant knowledge of empirical social research, and have foreign language skills. International experience is desirable.

The applicant's research project, which is to be described in a research proposal comprising no more than 10 pages, is of particular importance for the decision on the allocation of the scholarship. The proposal should describe the main research question addressed by the applicant's proposed project, the status of existing research on the topic, methodological considerations, the working plan including a time schedule, and any work on the topic that the applicant might have already completed.

Scholars will participate in the study programme and the activities of the RTG on an ongoing basis. Consequently, scholars are expected to reside in Mainz or their environs for the duration of the scholarship. Applications from abroad are expressly welcome.

Scholarship amounts are based on the grants principles of the German Research Foundation. They will receive 1,200 Euros per month plus 103 Euros materials allowance; childcare allowances will be granted as needed.

A complete application must comprehend a curriculum vitae including a description of the applicant's academic career, copies of certificates and diplomas, an academic reference on the applicant's academic ability and research potential, final theses and a proposal of the aspired research project.

For any further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Cornelia Schweppe, email c.schweppe@uni-mainz.de.

Female candidates are encouraged to apply. Severely disabled persons are given priority where applicants are equally qualified.

Applications must be either in German or English and are to be sent by email to Prof. Dr. Cornelia Schweppe (c.schweppe@uni-mainz.de), **by July 16, 2014**.