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Applications Welcome for desiguALdades.net Scholarships

desiguALdades.net is pleased to award doctoral and postdoctoral scholarships:

- (1) postdoctoral scholarships with a duration from 6 to 24 months
- (2) short-term scholarships for doctoral students with a duration of six months
- (3) long-term scholarships for doctoral students with a duration of three years.

The application deadline is April 15, 2010. Please apply online at http://www.desigualdades.net and additionally send all required documents as one single PDF-file to:

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About the Network

The objective of desiguALdades.net is to work towards a paradigmatic shift in the research on social inequalities in Latin America. The intersections of different types of social inequalities and the global interdependencies of local constellations of social inequalities beyond the nation-state are at the focus of analysis. In order to achieve this paradigmatic shift, researchers from different regions and various fields of work as well as experts on either issues on social inequalities or on Latin America will work together. The network character of desiguALdades.net is explicitly set up to overcome persisting hierarchies in knowledge production in social sciences by developing new forms of academic practices based on dialogue and mutual exchange between researchers from different regional and different disciplinary contexts.

The institutional core of the desiguALdades.net consists of four partners. The overarching responsibility for the research network rests with the Lateinamerika-Institut (LAI) and the Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI) as executive institutions. In addition, two other institutions with long experience in research and policy advice combined with an outstanding regional expertise on Latin America are integrated into the activities of the research network: the Deutsche Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE, German Development Institute) and the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA, Leibniz-Institut für Globale und Regionale Studien). The executive secretary of desiguALdades.net is located at the LAI in Berlin.

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Scholarships for Postdocs

Minimum requirements:

- an outstanding doctoral/ PhD degree in social sciences not older than 5 years
- a research proposal contributing directly to the research concept of the network
- excellent command of both English and Spanish/Portuguese
- research background in Latin America

Required documents:

- letter of motivation (max. 400 words in English or Spanish)
- research proposal including detailed working plan, time table and selected bibliography (max. 3,000 words in English or Spanish)
- CV
- copies of undergraduate and postgraduate degree documents and certificates
- language certificates
- publication list
- summary of the dissertation (max. 2,000 words in English or Spanish)
- up to two published or unpublished papers related to the research concept of desiguALdades.net in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, or French
- letter of recommendation from a university professor (preferable from one of the researchers belonging to the research network)

Short-term Scholarships for Doctoral Students

Minimum requirements:

- an outstanding academic degree in social sciences (MA, MSc or equivalent)
- research proposal that contributes directly to the research concept of the network
- excellent command of both English and Spanish/Portuguese
- research background in Latin America
- enrollment as a student in a PhD Program for at least one semester

Required documents:

- letter of motivation (max. 400 words in English or Spanish)
- research proposal including detailed working plan, time table and selected bibliography (max. 3,000 words in English or Spanish)
- CV
- copies of undergraduate and postgraduate degree documents and certificates
- language certificates
- up to two published or unpublished papers related to the research concept in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, or French
- letter of recommendation from the PhD supervisor

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Long-term Scholarships for Doctoral Students

Minimum requirements:

- an outstanding academic degree (MA, MSc or equivalent) in social sciences not older than 3 years
- research proposal that contributes directly to the research concept of the network
- excellent command of both English and Spanish/Portuguese
- research background in Latin America

Required documents:

- letter of motivation (max. 400 words in English or Spanish)
- research proposal including detailed working plan, time table and selected bibliography (max. 3,000 words in English or Spanish)
- CV
- copies of undergraduate and postgraduate degree documents and certificates
- language certificates
- letter of recommendation from a university professor

Application Process

Please be aware of our two-step application process: in a first step you will have to apply online at http://www.desigualdades.net, in a second step you will have to send the required documents in one single PDF-file to contacto@desiguALdades.net. Only after receiving your documents in PDF-format, your application can be taken into consideration.

desiguALdades.net is looking forward to applications from a broad spectrum of the social sciences participating in the network. The individual research projects should directly contribute to the research concept of the network. Applications made by researchers from outside Germany are especially welcome. The Freie Universität Berlin is an equal-opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and persons with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. Successful applicants should reside in Berlin for the duration of the scholarship.

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