

Call for Applications 2021

Visiting Fellowships at the “Berlin International College of Research and Graduate Training” (BIRT) at the Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS)

Fellowships: Research Training Fellowships for PhD students enrolled in a PhD program

Duration: 1-2 fellowships of 12 months max.; starting in the first trimester of 2022 (January-March 2022)

Deadline for Applications: Call open from 30 September to 30 November 2021 (successful candidates will be informed in mid-December)

The Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS) studies types of contesting liberal modes of organizing societies, as well as the causes and consequences of these contestations. The Cluster consists of **four Research Units (RU)** focusing on specific issues that each script, liberal or contestant, has to address: **Borders, Orders, (Re-) Allocation and Temporality**. The four RUs investigate the actors and objects as well as the driving factors and consequences of contestations. Each Unit consists of a multidisciplinary research team, whose work transcends disciplinary and epistemic boundaries.

The RUs specifically focus on the following topics:

- Contestations and transformations of **“the liberal border script”** and its principles as well as the challenges to territoriality and citizenship presented by processes of globalization, regionalization, (de)imperialization, technological change, and other factors
- Contestations of **the liberal order script**, including its state structures, rights, and political rule, and resistance to institutions of global governance
- Contestations of the liberal script arising from a combination of **inequalities and other pressures** such as climate change, demographic change, and (forced) migration
- **Time-related and historical challenges** to the liberal script, primarily the tensions between future-oriented values against present-oriented norms and divergent understandings of temporality and progress, including the influence of these tensions on how actors allocate time to market and non-market activities

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The visiting fellowship addresses early career researchers. Interested applicants must already be enrolled in a PhD program from an academic institution other than SCRIPTS and their enrolment must be valid for the full duration of the fellowship. The fellowship at SCRIPTS is directed

primarily at applicants who are at an intermediate or advanced but not final stage of their respective doctoral programs. Visiting fellows will be affiliated with the Berlin International College of Research and Graduate Training (BIRT) and involved in the Cluster's Graduate School, the Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS), where most of the training takes place. The aim of the training fellowship is to improve the theoretical and methodological capacities (methods courses and counseling) of the fellows. The program offers mentorship, a tailored course program, and ample opportunities for stimulating intellectual exchange with peers.

The duration of the fellowship is maximum 12 months, paid in monthly rates of €1500 (travel and relocation expenses included).

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- CV.
- Motivation letter explaining their fit with SCRIPTS.
- 1-page explaining why SCRIPTS would be the optimal place to receive training, including a statement on how they would fit in with the cluster's agenda and a suggestion of a possible mentor to their project from the BGTS Faculty.
- 3-page outline of their PhD thesis.

All applicants are required to apply until November 30, 2021. Please submit your application sending all the required documents to the email address: birt@scripts-berlin.eu

At SCRIPTS, we value diversity as the means to ensure the quality and excellence of the cluster. We believe in inclusive excellence, in which a variety of research perspectives enriches the quality of our research. SCRIPTS is dedicated to create a welcoming environment and foster equal opportunities for all.

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SCRIPTS is seeking to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching, and specifically encourages qualified female scholars to apply. Severely disabled applicants with equivalent qualifications will be given preferential consideration. People with migration biographies are specifically encouraged to apply.