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EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

The VolkswagenStiftung, the University of Bremen, its Graduate School for Social Sciences (BIGSSS) and the Center of Innovation and Research in Graduate Education (CIRGE) at the University of Washington, Seattle, soon to move to UC Berkeley, the Center for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE), invite you to participate in a competition to serve as expert commentator at an international workshop.

“**Forces and Forms of Doctoral Education Worldwide in a Newly Configured and Constrained Global Context 2019**” and the following public conference will take place in Hannover, Germany, at Herrenhausen Palace **on September 2-6, 2019**.

The event will review the changes in doctoral education, their successes and failures, and explore ways forward for training new generations of researchers to become future global leaders. The event is structured as a 3-day (Monday to Wednesday) workshop that will prepare discussion material for the subsequent conference (Thursday and Friday).

We are offering **18 scholarships to Early Career Researchers**; 10 scholarships to participate fully in this event with a scholarship that will cover travel and accommodation costs for the full week of the two events and 8 grants for participation in the public conference only¹.

At the **workshop**, an international group of experts, policy makers, graduate deans, and graduate education researchers from six continents and 23 countries will convene to present research relevant for the development of doctoral education policy in national, regional and international arenas.

The three main goals of the workshop are

- to assess where we stand on core values of doctoral education and research
- to take stock of recent and ongoing developments and changes in doctoral education worldwide and
- to look forward and set the policy agenda for how we can best shape doctoral education in a socially responsible way, not only in our own national systems, but at a global scale for driving innovation in public and private sectors.

Experts will include

Prof. Ahmed Bawa (Physics), Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Universities of South Africa,
Prof. Roshada Hashim (Biochemistry), Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation, Universiti Sains Islam, Malaysia,
Prof. Reinhard Jahn (Biology), Director, Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Germany,
Prof. Suzanne Ortega (Sociology), President of the Council of Graduate Schools (USA/North America),
Prof. Richard Strugnell (Epidemiology), former Pro Vice-Chancellor for Graduate Studies, The University of Melbourne.

The **conference** will be opened by the Secretary General of the VolkswagenStiftung, Dr. Wilhelm Krull followed by a keynote address by Professor Jonathan Jansen from South Africa, University of Stellenbosch, former Vice-chancellor of the University of the Free State and also former chair of the evidence-based study of PhD education by the Academy of Science of South Africa.

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A travel bursary will consist of funding for travel to Hannover (flights, train, bus etc.) and accommodation in Hannover up to a maximum of 5 nights. The conference organisers at the BIGSSS - Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences will book flights and accommodation on behalf of the bursary recipients. During the conference, lunch and dinner will be provided at the conference venue, and breakfast will be provided at the recipients' accommodation.



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YOU WILL BE THE FUTURE LEADERS OF DOCTORAL EDUCATION AND IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVES.

Who shall apply

You are either a doctoral candidate or junior researcher (max up to 8 years after the doctorate) in the broad domain of university/higher education research. You undertake research into doctoral training or the career path of doctoral holders. You have a very good academic track record for your given career stage and/or you are an active representative of a doctoral candidate/student/studies association in your country (or internationally).

How to apply

Please submit the following items by email to the conference organisers at phdconference@bigsss-bremen.de

- A statement on how you will contribute to the event (200 words max).
- A copy of your CV (2 pages maximum in PDF format), including your contact details.
- Indicate if you wish to be considered for
 - 1) the Workshop+Conference
 - 2) Conference.
- A URL link to a short video (3 min maximum) uploaded to a cloud storage service (e.g. dropbox, googledrive, spideroak) which features the following information:
 - Please title the zipped file with your full name.
 - Brief background of your research career to date and your plans for the future.
 - Challenges in doctoral training in your country or internationally
 - Your proposals for the key issues to be addressed at the conference
 - How you plan to contribute to the conference discussion
 - Indicate if you wish to participate in both, the workshop and conference or in the conference only

All successful applicants will be acknowledged during the opening ceremony by the Secretary General of the VolkswagenStiftung, Dr. Wilhelm Krull. Scholarship holders wishing to be considered for both events will be asked to become a member of a working group and contribute to a thought-paper working with four senior experts. The working groups will undertake their preparatory work during January and April 2019. Further, selected ECRs will be expected to actively and enthusiastically contribute to the debate at the conference, including making a short presentation if requested to do so by the organisers.

Closing Date

The closing date for submitting an application is **Friday, January 4, 2019 at 17:00 CET.**

All applicants will be contacted by email with the results of the competition by the end January 2019 at the latest.

For additional information about the conference and the organisers, visit our website: **[CLICK HERE!](#)**

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