

University of Regensburg – University of California, Berkeley
Doctoral Exchange Program – Institute of European Studies, University of California, Berkeley
Call for Applications for 2019 | Deadline 3 March 2019

The University of California, Berkeley and the University of Regensburg signed a cooperation agreement in 2017 with the aim of strengthening research cooperation, likewise at doctoral level. The University of Regensburg and the Leibniz Institute of East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), as a coordinating partner, have established a **doctoral exchange program with the Institute of European Studies (IES) at the University of California, Berkeley**. Each year, one Regensburg-based doctoral researcher may **spend up to five months as an IES Visiting Student Researcher** as part of the program.

IES offers Visiting Student Researchers a workspace, the opportunity to engage with its outstanding network of collaborating scholars, and access to library and research facilities offered by UC Berkeley. Visiting researchers are expected to participate actively in research-related events at IES. Information on applying to IES is available here.

The University of Regensburg is pleased to **invite applications to the visiting scholar program from doctoral researchers in the Faculties of Languages, Literature and Culture (SLK), Philosophy, Art History, History and Humanities (PKGG), Law, and Economics, as well as from those based at IOS**. Applications will be assessed by the Board of the Center for International and Transnational Area Studies (CITAS), which is responsible for coordinating the exchange with Berkeley in Regensburg.

The visiting researcher may commence their time at IES in Berkeley from August 2019 and must arrive in Berkeley by 1 December 2019. Prior to commencement of the research stay, a \$1000 visiting scholar fee is payable to IES and a \$1000 University Services Fee is payable to UC Berkeley. Visa-related fees are around \$850. The conditions for studying as a Visiting Student Researcher at Berkeley can be found here.

The selected applicant may apply to their Faculty (or, if a member of IOS, from the Institute) for **travel grants** and for **financial support** to assist with the visa, university and IES administration fees. The selected doctoral researcher will also be encouraged to apply for funding for living and travel costs through the DAAD Short-term scholarship scheme (deadline 15 March) or the Fulbright doctoral program (deadline 1 April). Please note that the Fulbright program is only open to applicants with German citizenship and that all documents must be submitted in German for this program. DAAD applications can be submitted in English or German.

We invite interested doctoral researchers to send an application **as a single PDF document** including:

- a **covering letter**, up to two pages, outlining why your doctoral research will benefit from the exchange with IES in Berkeley – *in English only*;
- a **summary of your PhD project**, up to two pages – *in English or German*;
- a **rough time plan**, outlining how you would spend up to five months based at UC Berkeley – *in English or German*;
- a **CV**, including a list of publications and an indication of your English-language abilities – *in English or German*;
- a **letter of support from the Dean** of your faculty (or, if applicable, the director of IOS) – *in English or German*;
- a **reference from your academic supervisor in Regensburg** indicating their support for your application – *in English or German*.

We strongly recommend contacting a member of the IES Affiliated Faculty and Lecturers as a potential supervisor before the deadline. Please submit confirmation of supervision arrangements in Berkeley with your application.

The deadline for applications is 3 March 2019. Your application should be sent as a single PDF file to the manager of CITAS, Dr. Paul Vickers, at citas@ur.de. The successful applicant will be informed of the decision of the selection committee as soon as possible.

For any questions relating to the doctoral exchange program with IES at Berkeley please contact Dr. Paul Vickers at the Center for International and Transnational Area Studies (CITAS): citas@ur.de