



The **Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)** invites applications to its Ph.D. program. BIGSSS is an inter-university institute of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen and is funded by the German Excellence Initiative. The program provides close supervision of dissertation work within a demand-tailored education and research framework. Fellows are expected to choose Bremen as their place of residence. BIGSSS is part of an international network of highly acknowledged graduate programs. It supports its doctoral and postdoctoral fellows in achieving early scientific independence and provides funds for the conduct, presentation, and publishing of their research. The language of instruction is English.

**Successful applicants for the Ph.D. and Predoctoral Fellowships will pursue a topic in one of BIGSSS' three Thematic Fields:**

- Global Governance and Regional Integration
- Welfare State, Inequality, and Quality of Life
- Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

Ph.D. fellowships will start on September 1, 2013. Non-German students are strongly encouraged to apply. BIGSSS strives to increase the share of women in the university and hence also strongly encourages women to apply. Applicants with disabilities who are equally qualified will be favored. Applications must be submitted online under "Admissions" at [www.bigsss-bremen.de](http://www.bigsss-bremen.de) until March 15, 2013.



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Graduate School of Social Sciences**

**15-18 Ph.D. Stipends/Fellowships**

BIGSSS seeks candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in political science, sociology, or psychology. Applicants with a degree in law, economics, or other social science disciplines are also welcome. We offer Ph.D. stipends of € 1300/month for 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year.

**2-3 Postdoctoral Positions**

We seek candidates pursuing English-language publication projects based either on their dissertations (by making findings available to an international audience through a book or journal articles) or new research. Postdoctoral Positions are paid in line with TVL E13 and may be taken up for a period between 6 and 24 months. The competition is open to candidates who have received a doctorate in political science, sociology, psychology, law, economics or other social science disciplines within the last 3 years and to those who have finished prior to commencing their postdoctoral stay.

**2 Predoctoral Fellowships for BA Graduates**

Additionally, BIGSSS offers 2 stipends of € 800/month for particularly talented BA graduates. After fulfilling some course requirements and having their proposals accepted within the first year, candidates can switch into the regular three year program.

*More information as well as lists of required application materials can be found at [www.bigsss-bremen.de](http://www.bigsss-bremen.de). For additional inquiries, please check the online FAQ and feel free to contact our admissions officer at [admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de).*

