

Giessen University's **International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC)**, funded by the German federal government's Excellence Initiative, offers a three-year structured PhD-programme in the study of culture. With its excellent research environment, a doctoral programme which is tailored to the needs of PhD students and the intensive personal support it provides, the Graduate Centre offers doctoral researchers optimum conditions for their PhD-projects and a custom-made preparation for the time thereafter, both with regard to academic and non-academic careers.

The GCSC invites applications for **up to 13 posts for doctoral researchers** as

**Research Team Members**  
**(subject to funding available; otherwise: PhD scholarships)**

Positions are available from October 1<sup>st</sup> (resp. Nov 1<sup>st</sup>) 2012. Appointees fulfilling the requirements outlined in the Hessian Collective Labour Agreement will be remunerated according to pay grade 13 TV-H (part-time; 65%).

The positions are subject to approval of resources applied for in the second funding period of the German Federal Excellence Initiative; alternatively, the GCSC will award PhD scholarships. Please indicate in your online application whether you would also be interested in taking up a scholarship. Positions (resp. scholarships) are tenable for one year and can be renewed for up to three years. The GCSC supports young researchers with families; appointees with children under the age of twelve are eligible for renewals of up to four years.

*Eligibility*

We invite applications contributing to the study of culture in various historical contexts as well as those analysing contemporary phenomena. The GCSC encourages applications from graduate students who have or expect to obtain a first or upper second class honours M.A.-degree (or equivalent) in one of the GCSC's academic subjects\* or in arts/humanities, cultural studies, or social sciences. Fluency in either English or German is required.

*Application Procedure and Deadline*

Applications close **March 1st 2012**. **All applications (including an application form and further documents as stated on the GCSC-website) have to be submitted online. Please find all information on the two-tier application procedure on our website at <http://gcsc.uni-giessen.de/application>.**

If you have any questions concerning your application, please contact us at [gcsc-application@uni-giessen.de](mailto:gcsc-application@uni-giessen.de).

\*) see <http://gcsc.uni-giessen.de> or <http://gcsc.uni-giessen.de/research>