

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
One Scholarship 2020/21 for Doctoral Studies
BerGSAS-Program “Ancient Philosophy and History of Ancient Science”

The Graduate School Scholarship Program (GSSP) of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is offering one doctoral scholarship to complete a doctorate within the “Ancient Philosophy and History of Ancient Science” program at the Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies (BerGSAS). We welcome applications from highly qualified graduates (M.A.) from the fields of Ancient Philosophy, Classics, or History of Ancient Science.

The scholarship will be funded for three years (subject to a satisfactory annual progress review), starting on **1st October 2020**, and may be extended for a fourth year. Included are a scholarship installment of € 1,200 per month; a travel allowance; payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover; a research allowance once of € 460 per year; a preliminary German language course; a material resource and supervision allowance of € 1,000 per year (which is paid upon application to the host university), and further, where applicable, rent and family allowances.

ELIGIBILITY

The call is open only to applicants

- who are not German citizens
- who have not resided in Germany continuously for more than 13 months prior to the application deadline (15th June 2020)
- whose last final exam (M.A.) should have taken place no longer than before 2014, August 1th

THE ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY OF ANCIENT SCIENCE PROGRAM (APhil/HistAS)

The doctoral program has two pathways. For the **Ancient Philosophy** pathway, we particularly welcome dissertation proposals, which involve both philosophy and one or more special sciences (including mathematics, medicine, and other disciplines that we might not today consider special sciences, such as grammar or divination). For the **History of Ancient Science** pathway of the program, we also (but not exclusively) welcome proposals that consider philological, social and cultural aspects of the ancient sciences, both in the Greco-Roman and in the ancient Near Eastern, Early Christian and Islamic worlds.

Candidates are expected to have sufficient command of the relevant ancient languages for their dissertation project. Since the language of instruction is predominantly English, their English should be good enough to join discussions and write papers (please note that at Freie Universität C1-Level is mandatory).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Before submitting your application to BerGSAS, we **strongly recommend** that you contact a potential supervisor. Please note that this supervisor has to be a professor from either Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, or Freie Universität Berlin. The application process takes place in three stages.

I) Please submit your application by 2020 June 15th as a single pdf document (no dossiers, please!) to application@berliner-antike-kolleg.org

Your application should contain of:

an application form – download: <https://www.berliner-antike-kolleg.org/bergsas/ausschreibungen/index.html>

- cover letter in which you explain your motivation for joining the BerGSAS doctoral study program (2-3 pages)
- a research proposal (8-10 pages)
- a work plan and schedule for three years, including information about possible field studies/stay abroad (If you plan a stay abroad, please submit a short working plan and schedule for the trip/stay)
- a curriculum vitae (CV, resume)
- a letter that explains your motivation for applying to the doctoral program
- a writing sample (15-20 pages)
- a list of publications
- any documents certifying completed practical work (internship etc.)
- letter of recommendation by two professors from you home university. Please use the form for the DAAD letter of recommendation – download: <https://www.berliner-antike-kolleg.org/bergsas/ausschreibungen/index.html> *The use of this form is mandatory!*
- copies of certificates and copies of translated documents (which don't have to be certified):
 - copies of certificates of annual examinations taken at your home university
 - copies of certificates of any academic degrees (e.g. B.A., M.A., diploma), including grades and explaining the home university's grading system (description of grade scale)
 - copies of English Language certificates (please note that at Freie Universität C1-Level is mandatory)

II) Short-listed candidates will be invited for a BerGSAS interview (on Skype) within approx. 1 month of the application deadline.

III) If you have been selected for a scholarship by BerGSAS you will be required to upload your application to the DAAD submission system. The DAAD will make the final choice. Please note that admission to studies and receiving of a scholarship is based on assessments by both the hosting university and DAAD.

CONTACT

Questions regarding the application should be directed to the BerGSAS coordinator Dr. Carmen Marcks-Jacobs carmen.marcks@berliner-antike-kolleg.de