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Copernicus Graduate School

Models of European Civil Societies. Transnational Perspectives on Forming of Modern Societies in Central Europe

Call for Applications Permanent membership

The Copernicus Graduate School (CGS) is a mobile international network of young scientists who work on a research subject in order to be awarded with PhD degree. Internationally acknowledged scientists, who are members of the school as its fellows, are responsible for the graduates. They carry out a structured doctorate programme by common research, education and communication. The aim of the CGS is the implementation of double support and the recognition of a doctorate at various high schools (cotutelle process). It should improve the chances for academic careers thanks to its specific education programme.

Research

The CGS has a thematic profile and makes possible an interdisciplinary access to research of key subject areas of social sciences. The fields of work of the fellows as well as doctoral theses are integrated into the thematic orientation of the CGS. The fellows form a research group that works on the subject from various perspectives and presents it internationally. Their research work is an essential basis to establish the CGS as an excellence initiative.

Education

The doctoral candidate of the CGS completes an education programme worked out and realised by the fellows. This programme contains consultations with the tutors, common seminars, conferences, workshops and summer schools. The CGS supports its members in participation in international conferences, it gives them opportunities to publish research results and takes care of scholarships. The work with third party funds and their raising is an integrate part of the education. The education programme of the CGS has a supplementary function to doctoral study programmes at home universities. Some classes of doctoral study programmes realised at home universities could be acknowledged on the basis of the education programme of the CGS.

Communication

Internationalization of graduate education will be realised through a systematically structured education programme. An academic communication among doctoral candidates and within different generations of scientists at international level will be supported. In addition, the CGS offers a basis for a long-term academic cooperation and close connections among various universities.

Membership

The members of the CGS are fellows and doctoral candidates. The fellows come from different countries and they are internationally acknowledged for the profile of the CGS. They cooperate with other scientists in the scope of the excellence of research and they lead the doctorate programme. Any young scientist who is matriculated as a PhD candidate at his or her home university can become a member of the CGS. The thematic orientation has to be compatible with the thematic profile

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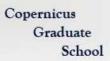


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of the school. The application for membership in the CGS is internationally announced and the fellows decide on the admission. The membership ends after a successful defence of the doctoral dissertation and it will be confirmed by a certificate.

How does it work practically?

PhD student who is a member of the CGS does not brake the connection to his or her home university. He or she continues and completes the doctoral programme there. One of the CGS fellows becomes a second tutor of the PhD thesis to give a critical opinion from the point of view of representative of other discipline/scientific culture.

Every member can realise a research stay at one of the partner institutions.

Doctoral candidates have to participate in all CGS events (conferences, seminars and summer schools). During the events they will be given opportunity to present, consult and discuss their research results with experts, scientists and colleagues on international and interdisciplinary level.

CGS publishing series will give the members an opportunity to publish both partial research results and the whole thesis in international sphere.

The CGS doctoral programme starts in February 2013.

Every PhD student, dealing in his or her research with the thematic sphere of the CGS can apply to be its member. The membership is free of charge. All costs of the participation in the CGS events will be held by the CGS. No scholarships will be granted.

To apply please send to **cgs@umk.pl**:

- filled-in application form
- scientific CV
- short presentation of PhD thesis concept (up to 3 pages)
- confirmation of PhD student's status

Deadline for applications: 31.10.2012

More information: www.cgs.umk.pl

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