

Call for Applications

Research Training Fellowships at the Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS)

Fellowships: Research Training Fellowships for PhD students enrolled in a PhD program at academic institutions in the Global South

Duration: 1-2 fellowships of 12 months max.; starting in the first trimester of 2022 (January-March 2022)

Deadline for Applications: Call open from 15 September to 15 November 2021 (Successful candidates will be informed in mid-December)

The Cluster studies contestations of the Liberal Script, their causes, and their consequences by putting together **four Research Units (RU)** focusing on specific issues each script has to address: **Borders, Orders, (Re-) Allocation and Temporality**. The four RUs investigate who is contesting what, which factors drive these contestations, and what the effects of the contestations are. Each RU consists of multidisciplinary research teams, systematically cutting across disciplinary and epistemic boundaries. The RUs specifically focus at the following topics:

- Contestations and transformations of “the liberal border script” and its principles and challenges to territoriality and citizenship through processes of globalization, regionalization, (de)imperialization, technological change, and other factors
- Contestations of the liberal order script including state structures, rights, and political rule and resistance to institutions of global governance
- Contestations of the liberal script through a combination of inequalities and other pressures such as climate change, demographic change, and (forced) migration with a focus on the global south.
- Time-related and historical challenges to the liberal script, tensions between future-oriented values against present-oriented norms and divergent understandings of temporality and progress and their influence on how actors allocate time to market and non-market activities

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The research training fellowship program is meant as a visiting fellowship and addressed to early career researchers. Interested applicants must already be enrolled in a PhD program from an academic institution in the Global South and their enrolment must be valid throughout the fellowship. Ideally, the fellowship at SCRIPTS should take place during the main part of the doctoral program, neither at the very beginning nor at the end of it. The aim of the training fellowship is to improve the theoretical and methodological capacities (methods courses and

counseling) of the fellows. The program offers mentorship, a tailored course program and intellectual engagements with peers.

The duration of the fellowship is maximum 12 months, paid in monthly rates of €1500 (travel and relocation expenses included).

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- CV.
- Motivation letter explaining the fit with SCRIPTS.
- 1-page explaining why SCRIPTS would be the optimal place to receive training, including a suggestion of how you would fit with the cluster's agenda and who could mentor your project.
- 1-page statement about what kind of training you need and how you intend to get it within SCRIPTS.
- 3-page outline of your PhD thesis.

All applicants are required to apply until November 15, 2021. Please submit your application sending all the required documents to the email address: diversity@scripts-berlin.eu

At SCRIPTS, we value diversity as the means to ensure the quality and excellence of the cluster. We believe in inclusive excellence, in which a variety of research perspectives enriches the quality of our research. SCRIPTS is dedicated to create a welcoming environment and foster equal opportunities for all.

For further information visit:

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SCRIPTS is seeking to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching, and specifically encourages qualified female scholars to apply. Severely disabled applicants with equivalent qualifications will be given preferential consideration. People with an immigration background are specifically encouraged to apply.