University of Regensburg – University of California, Berkeley
Doctoral Exchange Program – Institute of European Studies, University of California, Berkeley
Call for Applications for 2020/2021 | Deadline: 19 January 2020

The University of California, Berkeley and the University of Regensburg signed a cooperation agreement in 2017 with the aim of strengthening research cooperation, including at doctoral level. The University of Regensburg and the Leibniz Institute of East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), as coordinating partners, have established a doctoral exchange program with the Institute of European Studies (IES) at the University of California, Berkeley. Each year, one Regensburg-based doctoral researcher may spend up to five months as an IES Visiting Student Researcher as part of the program.

IES offers Visiting Student Researchers a workspace, the opportunity to engage with its outstanding network of collaborating scholars, and access to library and research facilities offered by UC Berkeley. Visiting researchers are expected to participate actively in research-related events at IES. Information on applying to IES is available here.

The University of Regensburg is pleased to invite applications to the visiting scholar program from doctoral researchers working on area studies-related projects at the University of Regensburg or at the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS). Applications will be assessed by the Board of the Center for International and Transnational Area Studies (CITAS). CITAS is the institution responsible in Regensburg for coordinating the exchange with Berkeley.

The selected visiting researcher can start their stay at IES in Berkeley from August 2020 and must complete their time there by July 2021. A $1000 visiting scholar fee is payable to IES and a $1000 University Services Fee is payable to UC Berkeley prior to commencing the research stay. Visa-related fees are around $850. Details on the conditions for being a Visiting Student Researcher at Berkeley can be found here.

The selected applicant may apply to their Faculty (or, if a member of IOS, to the Leibniz Institute) for travel grants and enquire at CITAS about financial support to assist with the visa, university and IES administration fees. The selected doctoral researcher will also be encouraged to apply for funding for living and travel costs through the DAAD Short-term scholarship scheme (deadline 15 March 2020) or the Fulbright doctoral program (deadline 1 April 2020). Please note that the Fulbright program is only open to applicants with German citizenship and that all documents must be submitted in German for this program. DAAD applications can be submitted in English or German.

We invite interested doctoral researchers to send an application as a single PDF document including:

- a covering letter, up to two pages, outlining why your doctoral research will benefit from the exchange with IES in Berkeley – in English only;
- a summary of your PhD project, up to two pages – in English or German;
- a rough time plan, outlining how you would spend up to five months based at UC Berkeley – in English or German;
- a CV, including grades, any publications and an indication of your English language abilities – in English or German;
- a short reference from your academic supervisor in Regensburg indicating their support for your application – in English or German.

We strongly recommend contacting a member of the IES Affiliated Faculty and Lecturers as a potential contact person in Berkeley before the deadline. Please submit any details of contacts with faculty in Berkeley with your application.

The deadline for applications is 19 January 2020. Your application should be sent as a single PDF file to the manager of CITAS, Dr. Paul Vickers, at citas@ur.de. The successful applicant will be informed of the decision of the CITAS Board as soon as possible.

For any questions relating to the doctoral exchange program with IES at Berkeley please contact Dr. Paul Vickers at the Center for International and Transnational Area Studies (CITAS): paul.vickers@ur.de