

Call for Applications

Eighth cohort 2018 – 2020

General Topic: “**Sustainable, resilient and inclusive cities and regions**”

The DLGS – Dresden Leibniz Graduate School is a joint activity of the Technische Universität Dresden (TUD), and the Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Dresden (IÖR).

Beginning in March 2018, the DLGS announces:

Doctoral Fellowships.

The DLGS offers Doctoral Fellowships at the TU Dresden for up to three years. Applications are reviewed once a year.

The eighth DLGS cohort is oriented towards making cities and regions more sustainable, resilient and inclusive. Doctoral Candidates will investigate new concepts, instruments and policies to promote social development, economic growth and environmentally sustainable urban and regional development. A detailed description of research lines and topics can be found at the web page: <http://www.dlgs-dresden.de>.

This announcement addresses **excellent graduates** who hold an M.A., M.Sc. or equivalent* in Spatial Planning and Development (including City and Regional Planning and Landscape Planning), Economics, Sociology, Geography or Environmental Sciences** and have written a Master's thesis.

All applicants must be fluent in spoken and written English (confirmed by official certification***), and be comfortable working in teams. Successful applicants must take up residence in Dresden and be regularly / daily present at DLGS premises during working hours. Fellowship holders must comply with the regulations for a doctoral degree issued by the relevant faculties of the Technische Universität Dresden (Environmental Sciences, Business and Economics, Architecture and Arts, Humanities and Social Science) where they will be matriculated.

The first year of the structured programme is devoted to intensive course work and on the development of the doctoral thesis project. The second year is given over to empirical work, including field work. In the third year the primary aim is the successful completion of the doctoral thesis. In individual cases, this basic schedule may vary according to the specific needs of the candidate. Workshops (for example on quantitative and qualitative methods) as well as summer schools and international events offer opportunities to acquire special skills and general competencies. The interdisciplinary composition of the group, the support provided by DLGS partners as well as possible research visits abroad enable graduates to rapidly complete innovative doctorates.

Please submit your application online. The deadline for application to join the next DLGS cohort (2018-2020) is **September 15, 2017**. Selection interviews for this cohort are planned via Skype for the fourth quarter of 2017. For further information please contact the DLGS scientific coordinator:

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* Applicants must hold a Master's degree (at least a Two-year Master's Programme) from a recognized university. No more than four years should have passed since the applicant gained his/her master's level degree. Applicants nearing completion of their Master's degree may be provisionally accepted. Matriculation at the TU Dresden is contingent upon completion of all requirements before the start of the DLGS Programme.

** Applicants from other disciplines are welcome if they are able to convincingly relate their area of interest to the DLGS research lines and topics.

*** See list of Frequently Asked Questions at the DLGS web page for more information.