

Doctoral Program: Ancient Objects and Visual Studies Advertisement of 2 Scholarships for Doctoral Studies (2021-2025)

The Graduate School Scholarship Program (GSSP) of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is offering two doctoral scholarships (2021-2025) to research and complete a doctorate in the "Ancient Objects and Visual Studies" program. We welcome applications from highly qualified graduates from the fields of Prehistoric Archaeology, Classical Archaeology, Near Eastern Archaeology, Egyptology and Northeast African Archaeology, Art History and Visual Studies. Candidates must hold an outstanding Master's degree (M.A., MSt, MSc) in one of the aforementioned subjects or be very close to completion.

The scholarship is available from **October 2021** for four years (subject to a satisfactory annual progress review). The call is open only to applicants who are not German citizens, and who have not resided in Germany continuously for longer than 12 months as of the application deadline. Their last final exam (Master's Degree) should have taken place no longer than 6 years and 3 months (75 months) ago.

The doctoral program AOVIS concerned, among other things, with the effects of images and the mechanisms that make up communication with images. The key questions are: Who produces images and for whom? What message do these images convey? What are the elements of meaning (image ciphers) that make up the semantic field of images? To what extent can images be (or not) precisely determined in their semantic content? Such questions need to be explored by looking at the archaeological or historical object or artifact in its respective cultural context. Starting from the individual object, the general cultural influences on the perception of images should be worked out. Furthermore, the knowledge of the respective functioning of ancient images should be combined with the contemporary possibilities of visual presentation. International perspectives are highly welcome here, especially those that question both the European-influenced role of the "image" and the role of the museum.

In accordance with DAAD guidelines, doctoral scholarship holders receive a basic monthly stipend of 1,200 Euros, a travel allowance, a combined health, accident and liability insurance policy, allowances for study and research (and, where applicable, rent and family allowances) as well as financial support for a pre-sessional German language course.

Application

The application procedure takes place in two stages.

Stage 1: Candidates submit their applications, including the documents mentioned below, by 10 December, 2020, 12 noon CEWT to application@berliner-antike-kolleg.org. Short-listed candidates will be invited for an online interview. If you have been selected by BerGSAS you will be required to upload your application to the DAAD submission system.

Stage 2: The final choice will be made by the DAAD. Please note that the allocation of a study place and the granting of a scholarship depend on the evaluations of both the host university and the DAAD

Please submit:

- a cover letter that explains your motivation for applying to the doctoral program
- a research proposal (ca. 5 pages)
- a work plan and schedule for four years
- an application form (download here: <http://www.berliner-antike-kolleg.org/bergsas/application>)
- a curriculum vitae (CV, resume)
- two letters of recommendation by two university professors from your home university. Please use only 'DAAD letter of recommendation form' (template available here: <http://www.daad.de/imperia/md/content/de/foerderung/recommendation.pdf>)
- a text sample (e.g. a chapter of your master thesis, an essay, or article, ca. 15-20 pages)
- copies of certificates and copies of translated documents (they don't have to be certified):
 - copies of documents certifying knowledge of English Language, e.g. IELTS, TOEFL
 - copies of certificates of any academic degrees or advanced qualifications indicating grades and explaining the home university's grading system
 - copies of certificates of annual examinations taken at the home university

Please send your application by **10 December, 2020, 12 noon Central European Winter Time** to application@berliner-antike-kolleg.org

The Admissions and Grants committee will not consider incomplete or late applications.

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