

Doctoral Program: Ancient Objects and Visual Studies

Advertisement of Two Scholarships for Doctoral Studies (2022-2026)

The Graduate School Scholarship Program (GSSP) of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is offering two doctoral scholarships to research and complete a doctorate in the "Ancient Objects and Visual Studies" (AOViS) 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, and MSc) in one of the aforementioned subjects or be very close to completion.

The doctoral program AOViS concerned, among other things, with the effects of images and the mechanisms that make up communication with images. 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 images and the role of the museums.

The scholarship is available from **1 October 2022** for four years (subject to a satisfactory annual progress review).

This 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. The last final examination (Master's Degree) must not have been taken more than 6 years ago at the time of nomination (last possible date: February 2016).

In accordance with DAAD-GSSP 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/materials for study and research (and, where applicable, rent and family allowances) as well as financial support for a pre-sessional German language course.

