Call for two PhD scholarships in the key topics “Performance”, “Health”, “Education”, or “Society”

The German Sport University Cologne is pleased to announce two PhD scholarships, starting October 1st, 2020. The PhD project should match one of the four key topics of the GSU “Performance”, “Health”, “Education”, or “Society”.

The key topic “Performance” comprises all aspects that are linked to the acquisition, evaluation, and control of physical, mental, and social performance competencies, applying a whole-system approach.

The key topic “Health” considers physical, mental, and social aspects of wellbeing and age-related functional and performance capabilities that are related to physical activity. In addition, the key topic focuses on research with respect to the influence of physical activity on the preservation and rehabilitation of health.

The key topic “Education” focuses on the social-theoretically embedded research and transfer of normative, personality forming, educational, didactic, historical, and acting aspects of sports, play, and movement.

The key topic “Society” comprises the analysis of the constitution, the development and the control of sport related social structures and actions as well as their effects linked to medialization and social integration.

The scholarship is initially awarded for a period of two years, but may be extended for another year. The funding amount is 1,350 € per month (1,550 € per month for applicants with children) and is co-financed by the Institute with an amount of 450 € per month.

Application requirements are:
- a completed university (or equivalent higher education institution) degree that qualifies to take up a doctorate.
- the status of an enrolled doctoral student at GSU
  - the period between admission approval to the doctorate and start of the funding should generally be no more than one year.
  - enrolment is also possible within the grant, in this case a confirmation of supervision by the future supervisor is necessary in addition to the application documents.

Please submit the following documents for the application:
- comprehensive description of the dissertation project with the following content (max. 6 pages):
  - letter of motivation (max. ½ page)
  - summary of the dissertation project (max. ½ page)
  - exposé or clarification of the dissertation project
  - content-related working plan and time schedule for the dissertation project over the course of three years (including, if appropriate, stays abroad, external research investigations, additional qualifications)
  - explanation of the matching between the content of the dissertation project and one of the key topics
- Appendix
  - Reference list
  - Curriculum Vitae in tabular form (including a list of publications)
- copy of the last degree certificate
- letter of recommendation from two professors or private lecturers in respect to the application
- approval of the head of the institute or department to co-finance the scholarship by one third (450 € per month for two or three years, exception regulations for subsidization of the institute are possible, if applicable)
- completed data protection and obligations form (see attachment)

The complete application documents have to be submitted electronically to the Department of Research and Young Academics (as CD or via E-mail) as one pdf document within the application period (forschung-dshs@dshs-koeln.de). For questions please contact Dr. Alexandra Pizzer (a.pizzer@dshs-koeln.de, Tel: 0221-4982-7580, IG III/room 109).
Please note that the submitted application file size cannot exceed 5MB.

Deadline is June 28th, 2020